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Nurses unions quit talks over pay 'sabotage'

Industrial action threat follows grading row

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Leaders of the three nursing unions walked out of talks at the Department of Health yesterday, accusing the Government of "sabotaging" new clinical grading structures.

One of the unions, Cosh, called on its 130,000 members to organize emergency branch meetings to discuss possible industrial action.

The Royal College of Nursing, which is bound by a no-strike agreement, said the pay deal, vital to stem the exodus of experienced nurses from the National Health Service, was in danger of collapse.

Representatives of the RCN, Cosh and Nupse

walked out of a meeting yesterday afternoon with the management side of the joint nurses and midwifery negotiating council and demanded an urgent meeting with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the newly appointed Secretary of State for Health.

They said there was no point in continuing discussions with management about implementing the new

Surgery delay

pay deal, designed to reward and retain nurses with extra skills and responsibilities.

The awards, averaging 15.3 per cent, were announced by the Prime Minister in April, but health authorities were told that all posts should be regraded by the end of October.

However, nurses have complained that they are being downgraded in their posts and many have been told they will get only the minimum 4.2 per cent rise.

They say authorities are deliberately holding down grades for fear that the £503 million allocated by the Government will not be enough to fund the pay deal.

Health authorities have denied distorting the regradings. However, they have admitted they are worried about running out of money and face possible cuts in services in spite of the Government's promise of full funding.

Yesterday's escalation in the pay dispute centred over the grading of ward sister and night charge posts.

The management side says only one sister with overall "continuing" responsibility for a ward should be put on scale G, on a salary of £12,025 to £13,925. Other ward sisters and charge nurses should be put on the F scale, from £10,200 to £12,500 or even E, from £9,200 to £10,650.

The staff side argues that ward sisters share equal responsibilities and therefore should all receive the higher grading. Most sisters are paid about £11,400, including the interim 4.2 per cent award in April.

The negotiating breakdown stems from the failure of the management side to understand and acknowledge

the extensive responsibilities carried by nurses with the current salary grades of sister, an RCN spokesman said last night.

"The effect of applying the management side's interpretation of the new grading would be to deny many thousands of experienced, skilled nurses the substantial uplift of salaries they have been led to expect by the Government."

The royal college says the management side originally agreed that between 55,000 to 60,000 of the 77,000 sisters in the health service would be graded on scale G.

However, after yesterday's hard line, the college fears that only a minority of sisters will be put on the higher scale and earlier estimates will be turned on their heads.

Miss Judith Carter, Cosh's national officer and acting chairman of the staff side, accused NHS management of "sabotaging the clinical grading review" by adopting a stand on grading that represented a breach of the agreement.

"There is no point in continuing discussions," she said. "The management side is taking its lead from regional nurse management teams."

"The tail is wagging the dog. As a result, the anomalies within nursing at present will continue. The problems of staff shortages and the failure to reward expertise and responsibility which the grading review sought to resolve will escalate, building up to massive problems in the future."

NHS management had demonstrated that it was "totally out of touch with the nursing profession", she said.

Cosh has asked its members to organize emergency meetings.

The union said industrial action would not necessarily involve strikes. If branches voted for a limited work to rule, that action could be taken without balloting members.

The management side issued a statement saying that the clinical grading review would continue and that any formal application for talks with Mr Clarke, who is on holiday until the end of the month, would be considered.

Prime Minister drops in on the Armilla Patrol



Mrs Thatcher, wearing a life-jacket, touring HMS Manchester yesterday, accompanied by a member of the crew. Her visit to the destroyer, part of the Armilla Patrol in the Gulf, was kept secret until her RAF VC10 landed in Dubai.

Crews in Gulf told to keep up vigil

From Robert Oakley, Dubai

Mrs Thatcher made a surprise visit to Britain's Armilla Patrol in the Gulf war zone yesterday and warned the Navy not to drop its guard because of the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

Her "Operation Salute" mission to visit Royal Navy frigates and destroyers accompanying British flagged or majority-owned vessels through the Straits of Hormuz and the Gulf, and the mine-sweeping vessels in the Operation Calendar force, was kept secret until the second her RAF VC10 touched down at Dubai.

Mrs Thatcher arrived on board HMS Manchester three miles off the Dubai coast on board a Navy Lynx helicopter — its nose cone emblazoned with a drawing of a naked girl and the legend "Tart II". She was greeted by the captain, Commander Rick Cosby.

Instructions for the day issued to the crew insisted: "All parts of ship on the VIP routes are to be cleaned to Captain's Round standard — in particular the dreaded dirty hand prints." But pin-ups were not removed from crew quarters.

Mrs Thatcher was presented to captains of the other Armilla Patrol and Operation Calendar vessels.

The Prime Minister presented a long service and good conduct medal to Chief Petty Officer "Dixie" Dean and handed over a silver salver to the captain, a gift from the Bulk Trading Company in appreciation of the work of the Armilla Patrol which, she was told, has "accompanied" 486 vessels up or down the Gulf so far this year.

As a matter of diplomatic sensitivity, the Navy is careful to use the expression "accompanied" rather than "escorted". But Mrs Thatcher herself slipped into using the term escorted when she went on the Tannoy to address the crew.

In traditional Navy style she opened: "Do you hear this, Prime Minister speaking."

Mrs Thatcher declared: "May I on behalf of everyone in the United Kingdom say a very big Thank You to all of those who serve in the Armilla Patrol, the support ships, the mine sweepers and the Dutch and Belgians who sail with us for the magnificent task you are doing in keeping this waterway free for ships to be able to sail up and down."

She said that their work was "immensely important to the

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Observer group leaves to monitor ceasefire

From Charles Bremner, New York

Advance parties of a UN-announced observer force left for Iran and Iraq yesterday after the UN, with unanimous Security Council approval, announced a Gulf ceasefire beginning on August 20.

Iran's military chief ordered his troops to put the ceasefire into immediate effect and the streets of Baghdad were packed with people celebrating the end of the war.

At a brief meeting, the 15-member UN Security Council adopted the plan of Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary General, to send to the Gulf a contingent of 350 observers, supported by military and civilian staff.

The United Nations Iraq Military Observer Group is to take up positions before the formal ceasefire, on each side of the border of about 700 miles, based at the field headquarters of each power.

In Tehran, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the parliamentary Speaker and Iran's military commander in chief, was quoted by Tehran Radio as telling his forces to start no further military action.

The predictions of cooler weather will delight staff of the Herr Rofor chocolate factory at Merthyr Tydfil, mid-Glamorgan.

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Heatwave coming to an end

By Patrick O'Hanlon

The sweltering sunshine in which the country has been basking since the weekend is coming to an end, the London Weather Centre forecast yesterday.

Colder fronts approaching from the Atlantic will bring unsettled weather and rain to all parts of the country, especially the North.

The best of the weather for the rest of the month will be in the South-east.

"There is no sign of the really hot weather over the weekend returning. This was caused by high pressure building up over the continent and drawing up warm, southerly Mediterranean winds", a spokesman said.

"There will be more sunshine around but it won't be as persistent."

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School runs exempt from new law

Parents face seat belt fine

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Parents are to face fines of up to £50 for failing to strap children into the back of their cars. But the Government is expected to exempt "school runs" from the new law which comes into effect next year.

Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, is preparing to lay regulations before Parliament in the autumn to put into effect the legislation passed last month requiring the wearing of rear seat belts by children in cars which have them fitted.

However under Mr Channon's draft regulations parents who take it in turns to take their own and their neighbours' children to school will not be fined because there are more children than the two, or sometimes three, seat restraints in the back of their vehicles.

Mr Channon is expected to make the law apply to children up to the age of 14.

People above that age will not be forced by law to wear rear seat belts, but the Government is to launch a big campaign to encourage them to do so.

Experts believe that the new law could cut the risk of child passengers being seriously injured by up to 70 per cent. Last year there were 60 deaths and more than 7,700 injuries of children travelling in the rear of vehicles not wearing restraints.

The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Rear Seat Belts by Children) Bill, which completed its parliamentary passage late in June, was a private Member's measure introduced by Mr Stephen Day, Conservative MP for Cheshire.

During the Bill's passage earlier in the year sales of seat belts and child restraints soared and ministers believe that there is a vastly increased public awareness of the value

of wearing seat belts in the rear of cars as well as the front.

Mr Channon's draft regulations are expected to stipulate a maximum fine of £50, in line with the present penalty for the non-wearing of front seat belts, although in practice magistrates would probably levy lower sums. Over 90 per cent of front seat passengers wear seat belts in Britain, the highest level in the world.

Ministers believe that the mere threat of a fine, rather than its size, will act as the necessary deterrent to breaking the law. Currently 55 per cent of babies are secured by a restraint on the rear seat but the level of seat belt use falls to less than one in five for older children.

The regulations will be the subject of wide-ranging consultations before they finally come into effect. There could be other exemptions. It has yet

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Law 'threatening' pension schemes

By Maria Scott

The National Association of Pension Funds yesterday gave warning that employers might stop offering pension schemes to employees if the rules become more complex.

The stream of pensions legislation and regulation in the past three years has left employers with an increasingly complicated, and costly, administrative burden, says the association (NAPF).

"Much more, and employers will begin to conclude that company pension schemes are more trouble than they are worth."

NAPF outlined this view in its submission to the inquiry by the Occupational Pensions Board into occupational pension schemes.

It goes on to remind the Government of the possible consequences of large-scale withdrawal from pension provision by employers.

"If employers began to dis-

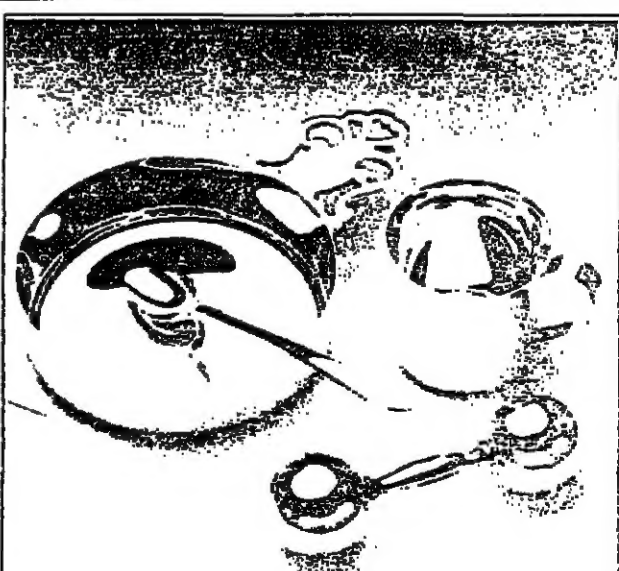
continue occupational schemes, there is no guarantee that employees would make their own pension provision; or if they did so, that such plans would be funded sufficiently to support them adequately."

As a result, many people would be forced to depend on the State for their retirement incomes and therefore on the taxpayer.

In its submission, NAPF also takes the view that pension fund surpluses are the property of the employer.

This is contrary to the view of the Institute of Actuaries and the Centre for Policy Studies in their recent submissions to the pensions board. They said the surpluses belonged to employees. NAPF adds, however, that the employer should also be responsible for any deficits arising

According to NAPF, the pensions industry needs an arbitration scheme.



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● The £4,000 daily prize was claimed yesterday (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £142,000.
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Dollar up as US lifts rates

The dollar's strong recovery received a boost on foreign exchanges yesterday when the Federal Reserve Board raised the US discount rate from 6 per cent to 6½ per cent.

The increase, coming just a week before the Republican Party Convention, was seen as a strong signal that the Board is determined to curb inflation.

In London the dollar rose by 1.23 pence to close at DM1.9155 and by 1.15 pence against sterling to \$1.6850. Dealers said Monday's half-point rise in base rates now looked less out of line with elsewhere.

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Broome again

David Broome, the 48-year-old show jumper, has been selected to represent Britain in Seoul next month, his fifth Olympic Games.

Cricket crisis

In the first of a three-part series, Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, examines the problems facing English cricket and considers possible solutions.

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No way back

The British Olympic Association said yesterday that it would not be intervening in the omission of Sebastian Coe from the team for the Games in Seoul next month.

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Degree results

Degrees awarded by Belfast University will be published tomorrow. Exeter awards are published today.

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Royal fusillade salutes princess with no name

By Alan Hamilton and Ruth Gledhill

A salute of 41 guns, reserved for extraordinary and triumphal occasions, or the birth of royal infants, was fired in London yesterday, to the puzzlement and distress of tourists and office workers on their brief lunchtime escape into the sunshine. The fusillade marked the birth of the as-yet-unnamed Princess of York, delivered on Monday night into fifth place in the line of succession.

It was a popgun tribute compared with that loosed off on the Queen's birthday, and on the anniversaries of her accession and coronation, all of which merit a deafening volley of 62 guns, but on the first day of post-natal climax, it was just about the only thing that happened.

The Duchess and her infant rested in the expensive calm of the Portland Hospital, clocking up another £350 for a day's residence amid the high medical technology and Scandinavian stripped-pine furniture. Mr Anthony Kenney, her gynaecologist, visited his patient again yesterday, and stopped on the hospital doorstep just long enough to assure everyone that it had been a normal birth.

Speculation had been rife that the baby would be born by Caesarean section, but Mr Kenney's assurances appear to have ruled that out.

The other important visitor was the father. The Duke of York arrived at the hospital heavy with roses, a yellow one in his buttonhole and a bunch of red ones in his hand. "It feels wonderful to be a father; the Duchess is very well", he told

the waiting crowd. But to the question on everyone's lips he had no answer; they had not, he said, decided on a name.

Bookmakers have been offering short odds on Annabel, which sounds too much like a London night club, and Victoria, which sounds more likely. Elizabeth is also in the frame for obvious historical reasons, but punters might like to take an outrageous outside gamble on Francesca, if for no other reason than that the baby was born on or about the 400th anniversary of the Battle of Gravelines, when the Spanish Armada was finally put to rout by Sir Francis.

The Duke also said that there were no immediate plans for the Duchess to leave hospital, and that it would be "a few days yet" before anyone saw the baby.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Two accused of racing murder

Two men were charged yesterday with the murder of a man at Newmarket racecourse on Saturday. Seven others were accused of violent disorder.

Gary Flood, aged 26, of King George Avenue, and Spencer North, aged 23, of Goodwood Avenue, both of Watford, were accused of murdering Keith Dance, aged 24, of Box Hill, Surrey, Cambridge magistrates remanded them both in custody for seven days.

Newmarket racecourse announced it had agreed to talk to police and coach companies about ways to combat drunken hooliganism. Sir Thomas Pilkington, chairman of the Racecourse Trust, said it would consider how it could deal with the problem of racegoers ejected from the course, and arrange a meeting with the Coach Operators' Council to discuss drunkenness on coaches.

Mr Dance died from inhalation of vomit, but a post mortem examination showed that he had received several blows to the head and chest.

Family dies in fire

Two children were among five members of a family who died in a fire which swept through their home in Stirling, Central, yesterday. The bodies of all five were discovered in an upstairs room of the semi-detached house in the town's Buntine Crescent. Police named the family as Mr Dick Turnbull, a retired REME mechanic, aged 71; his wife, Anne, aged 71; their daughter, Mrs Margaret Barclay, aged 38, and her two children, David, aged eight, and Anna, aged six. Mr Arnott Barclay, Mrs Barclay's husband, was at work when the fire occurred.

Woman shot dead

Armed police were put on standby in Bournemouth, Dorset, yesterday after a woman, aged about 60, was killed with a double-barrelled shotgun. Dorset police said last night that a local man was being interviewed. He had walked into a police station in the town soon after what police believe was an incident with domestic connotations. The dead woman was shot in the head as she stood waiting outside a car park shortly before lunchtime. The gunman ran off.

Inquiry adjourned

The inquiry into the death of Mr Francis Southerland, a rigger on the Piper Alpha platform, was adjourned yesterday until October 3 because two witnesses due to give evidence at Aberdeen Sheriff Court were killed in the disaster last month. Mr Southerland, aged 38, of Hamilton Road, Grangemouth, died last September in a helicopter en route from Piper Alpha to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. He had fallen about 18 feet on to the deck of the oil platform after being struck by a falling section of canopy, causing head injuries and a fractured spine.

Bombing extradition

A Coventry electrician accused of taking part in a terrorist bomb attack at Narita Airport, Tokyo, must return to Canada to stand trial, Bow Street Magistrates' Court ruled yesterday. Indrajit Singh Keyat, aged 35, of Barker Butts Lane, denies eight charges, including manslaughter. He was remanded in custody. A bomb hidden in luggage, loaded in Vancouver, killed two Tokyo baggage-handlers in June 1985.

Police pose backfired

A joke backfired when David Evans posed as a policeman and flagged down a car to rebuke the woman driver for having the bonnet open. The vehicle contained two off-duty police officers. Evans, aged 28, of Norland House, Shepherds Bush, West London, who was drunk at the time, was fined £200 yesterday for impersonation plus £50 for failing to answer bail at Horseferry Road magistrates' court, central London.

Staff rescue silver from Harrow fire

By Douglas Broom

Staff at Harrow School braved smoke and flames to save paintings, books and silverware worth more than £100,000 when fire broke out in the school's central dining hall yesterday afternoon.

The treasures, including unique early cricket paintings and a collection of books donated by staff since the school's foundation in 1571, were rescued by a "human chain" of 40 teachers and support staff.

The blaze broke out just after 3pm in the ground-floor kitchen serving the pupils' dining room and quickly spread to ventilation trunking leading to the roof of the block, which was completed in 1978.

Eight fire engines and 50 firemen took an hour to put out the fire, which badly damaged the roof and the staff dining room on the first floor.

The six staff members working in the school kitchens

at the time were evacuated and no one was injured. The school's bursar, Mr Michael Lydiard, said the repair bill would be at least £100,000.

He added last night that work had already started on repairing the damage and added: "The pupils may be disappointed to hear it, but we will be ready for them again by September 5 when term starts."

Harrow is at present host to 400 foreign students attending summer courses. Mr Lydiard said arrangements were being made last night for them to dine at a local restaurant.

A fire brigade spokesman said that there were no suspicious circumstances surrounding the fire.

The paintings that were saved included a portrait of Robert Grimston, an MCC president who for 30 years in the 19th century taught "cricket skills" to the pupils of Harrow.

Pilot who landed on taxiway 'was not to blame'

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A captain who landed his aircraft on an airport taxiway was not to blame, according to another pilot who has claimed that he was also confused by flashing lights into mistaking the taxiway for an emergency runway.

In a report to the RAF's Institute of Aviation Medicine, the captain of a Boeing 737, who remains anonymous, says that he also had difficulty in distinguishing the runway from the taxiway.

The captain of a British Island Airways aircraft which landed on the taxiway at Gatwick airport, West Sussex, was not to blame, he said.

"It wasn't the 1-11s captain's fault; it was the fault of a lot of people saying that everything is fine and dandy, both the CAA and the BAA."

The BIA 1-11 landed on the taxiway last April. Air traffic controllers, who saw what was happening at the last moment, ordered a British Airways jet taxiing

in preparation for take off to slow off the runway into deep mud to avoid a collision.

The main runway was closed — as it has been every night since March — for repairs and aircraft were using the adjoining emergency runway.

The training captain, aged 47, who was at the controls has been reprimanded by the airline and demoted, although he is still able to fly, pending an investigation by the Department of Transport.

The captain of the 737 describes in the confidential report how he nearly made the same mistake.

"The greatest visual impact, apart from the terminal lights was the flashing of a 'million' yellow beacons and sundry floodlights on the airfield."

Eight miles before touch-down he saw the lights of what he thought were two runways and wondered which set to aim for.

He asked the controllers to dim the runway lights because they were too bright, but was told they were

already at their lowest illumination. "At approximately two nautical miles

"I was getting irritated by the brightness of the lights as they were robbing me of my depth-height perception."

In the report he describes how he and his co-pilot had tried to work out why they mistook the taxiway for the emergency runway.

He concluded that with "the main runway out and confirmed as such by so many clues, I was not expecting a choice. My mental picture anticipated only one runway."

The BIA pilot was not to blame for making a similar error. "It wasn't the 1-11s captain's fault; it was the fault of a lot of people saying that everything is fine and dandy, both the CAA and the BAA."

Some controllers at the airport have refused to give permission for aircraft to use the taxiway while other aircraft are landing on the emergency runway, and have re-

ceived full backing from their union. Meanwhile Balpa, the pilots' union, and the Civil Aviation Authority were last night angry at reports that the captain of a commercial aircraft forced his co-pilot to falsify his hours of work in breach of the law.

However, because the report was confidential, neither organization has been able to identify the captain who, if the allegations are substantiated, will almost certainly lose his licence.

The report was made by the co-pilot to a confidential body known as Chirp (Confidential Human Factors Incident Reporting Programme) run by the RAF's Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, Hampshire, and funded by the Civil Aviation Authority.

A large number of incidents have recently been reported to Chirp which, the authorities argue, should have been notified to them because of their seriousness.

They are questioning the future of the CHIRP system. In the most

recent report the co-pilot says that he realized that he would overrun his limit of 11½ hours on continuous duty, but that in order to get the aircraft back to Britain the captain asked him if he would say he came on duty an hour later than he really did.

On the return to Manchester the captain elected to make a visual approach, but instead of lining up on the runway began to approach the centre line of a nearby motorway.

The control tower noticed the mistake and told him to realign on to the runway.

Mr Freddie Yetman of BALPA said: "It was highly irresponsible to publish this anonymously."

"We are constantly reminding our members that under no circumstances must they exceed their statutory duty hours."

The CAA, who some pilots believe should start an investigation to track down the captain, says that it can take no action because of the need to keep Chirp confidential.

Government loses £109m in small firm loan scheme

By Martin Fletcher and John Spicer

The Government has lost £109 million on a small-business loan scheme that was meant to be self-financing, it was revealed yesterday.

The National Audit Office said in a report on assistance to small firms that by April 1987, borrowers had defaulted on 42 per cent of loans granted under the Loan Guarantee Scheme, leaving the Government liable for debts of £146 million.

This was offset only by income of £37 million from the premium which borrowers pay over and above the banks' interest charges. In addition half the firms that have received loans could probably have obtained them elsewhere, the report said.

The Loan Guarantee Scheme was set up in June 1981 to help small firms that wished to start up or expand, but could not obtain finance through normal channels because they had no track record or inadequate security.

Since the scheme was launched loans totalling £665 million have been granted to 20,012 borrowers. Loans of up to £75,000 are available to anyone with an existing business who is short of capital and can prove they want more staff or new machinery.

The money is loaned by any one of 23 banks involved in the scheme. The Government guarantees 85 per cent of the loan for inner city borrowers and 70 per cent for others. A 2½ per cent premium is charged on the loan, which the Government hoped would make the scheme self-financing.

According to the report, the Government did not believe that eligible firms represented an intrinsically greater risk than commercial companies granted bank loans, but the defaulting rate was 42 per cent in the first six years, though the Department of Employment now believes it to be about 30 per cent.

The report describes this as a "high failure rate", though it acknowledges that the scheme has "apparently" been successful as a job-creation measure.

The banks said yesterday that they had not lost any money as a result of bad debts.

A spokesman said: "It is always a few months before a company runs into repayment trouble and those months of repayment have covered the amount which the banks had at risk. The only disappointment to us is that so many people seem to have failed. The scheme itself is a very good one and certainly good for the British economy."

The report investigated four such job creation schemes run by the Department of Employment or the Training Commission and concluded that they have contributed to a "considerable expansion" of the small-firms sector at modest cost.

However, it said the true extent of that expansion was difficult to measure because many of those setting up businesses would have done so anyway; some of the businesses had replaced existing ones and others would still fail. It said that help should be more closely directed to those who needed it.

The £200 million-a-year Enterprise Allowance Scheme, which pays the unemployed who wish to start businesses £40 a week to compensate for loss of benefit, had attracted 300,000 takers since 1982 and there was a 57 per cent survival rate after three years.

But the Department of Employment admitted that a large discount would have to be applied to the gross job creation figures to reflect those who would have set up in business anyway and those jobs displaced.

It suggested some sort of viability test be introduced for applicants.

The £18 million-a-year Training for Enterprise programme had increased throughput from 100 people a year in the late 1970s, to 115,000 last year.

Department of Employment officials last night said they would not be commenting on the report, as they will be giving evidence about expenditure on the Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme to the public accounts committee later in the year.

National Audit Office, Department of Employment/Training Commission: Assistance to Small Firms (Stationery Office; £5).

Flood threat to island



Mr Barry Guest, head warden of Brownsea Island, Poole harbour, Dorset, crossing the waves that are threatening the area, one of Britain's most important nature reserves. The sea wall, built in 1854, which protects the island has crumbled to the point where it could easily be breached during a northerly or easterly gale. The National Trust, which opened the island to the public 25 years ago, has launched an appeal. The cost of replacing the wall and adding a sloping embankment is estimated at £350,000. For the moment the Trust is doing emergency repairs. It has the help of BP, which is drilling for oil on the neighbouring island of Furzey, and which has so far shipped some 80 tons of stone to the

island. Without repair work, the low-lying lagoon would be flooded and the breeding grounds of thousands of birds destroyed. The problem has been compounded by erosion of the beach on the seaward side. The island, which has had a succession of colourful owners and was the site of Robert Baden-Powell's first Scout camp in 1907, was accepted by the Treasury in lieu of death duties in 1961. It has one of the largest heronries in Britain, as well as large numbers of terns, avocets, godwits, grey plovers, dunlins, redshanks and sandpipers, and the only surviving population of red squirrels in southern England.

(Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Gatwick is dogged by delays

By Emma Wilkins

All Cal Air flights from Gatwick were delayed yesterday for up to 10 hours because the operators were unable to supply aircraft in time to replace one damaged on take-off from Bangor, Maine, 10 days ago.

Gatwick: An 8.10am flight to Krakow in Crete was scheduled for 6.05pm. A Tenerife departure at 12.15pm was not expected to leave until 10pm. Cal Air hoped to charter a DC10 from Lion Air, which

was expected to arrive at Gatwick from Manchester at 4pm.

Cal Air flights to Treviso and Rhodes this morning face delays of at least five hours.

Passengers should check in on time in case alternative aircraft become available.

All flights across French and Spanish air space were likely to be delayed by two or three hours, the airport said.

Monarch Airways' flight to Luxor was delayed for 1½ hours and an Air Europe flight to Malaga was 3½ hours late.

Manchester: An Air Portugal flight to Faro left five hours late at 4.50pm. A Dan Air flight to Palma left at 8.30pm, 4½ hours late.

Leiston: Monarch Airways' flights to Larnaca and Palma were each delayed for one hour.

Birmingham: A British Airways flight to Belfast was expected to leave at 6.40pm, one hour late. Delayed arrivals included a British Airways flight from Cologne, 90 minutes late at 6.10pm; a Dan Air flight from Mahon, 1½ hours late at 4.10pm; a Hispania Airways flight from Palma was one hour late; and an Orion flight from Antalya was one hour 20 minutes late.

Heathrow: no delays. Leeds/Bradford: no delays.

Soviet veto delays Baker's itinerary

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Final details of the official visit by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to the Soviet Union in the autumn are being held up.

The stumbling block is the reluctance of Soviet officials to allow him to visit the country's main scientific centre, where he was hoping to announce new Anglo-Soviet co-operation in science and technology, including space exploration.

Mr Baker will spend a week in the USSR in October as the guest of Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, who visited a primary school in Oxfordshire last December while her husband briefed Mrs Margaret Thatcher on his Washington summit talks with President Reagan.

But Soviet officials are reluctant to agree to Mr Baker's request to visit Novosibirsk, the country's centre of scientific excellence. Moscow may also

be displeased with the overall performance of the city, where last week the political secretary was replaced after dissatisfaction at the way it was being run.

In addition there is a general feeling among the Soviet academic community that Akademgorok, a new town built near Novosibirsk to be the academic centre and flagship of Soviet science, was not producing work of sufficient quality.

Within Russia, its reputation has begun to slip as it has failed to attract some of the best teachers from Moscow and Leningrad, but abroad it still has the reputation of being the focus of Soviet scientific and technical training.

Mr Baker is anxious to consolidate moves to strengthen Anglo-Soviet links in science and technology, which began last November with the first visit of

senior Russian researchers to Britain in 20 years.

Scientists from both countries agreed that collaboration in basic science between the two was inadequate.

The two sides signed a 13-point protocol for the exchange of scientists and to establish collaborative research projects. One of the most significant suggestions was that each country should be allowed to nominate 25 per cent of the scientists it wanted to invite, under an exchange scheme expended by half.

At present only Russian scientists chosen by the Soviet Academy of Sciences are allowed to visit Britain.

Mr Baker is also expected to announce detailed plans for the creation of a large computer-based Information Service on Soviet Science and Technology, with contacts and projects in Russia.

Surprise defeat for Chandler

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

The eighth round of the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championship at Blackpool produced another surprise yesterday when Murray Chandler, who was in second place, was defeated by Julian Hodgson.

That gave Jonathan Mestel a chance to consolidate his leading position and last night he was conducting a promising attack against N. Mureshed.

Results: Chandler 0, Hodgson 1; A Kosten 1, J Howell 0; M Arkell 0, M Adams 1; M Hebdin 1, D Walker 0; A Morozav 1, C Pritchett 0; I Findlay ½, G Oswald ½; N McDonald 1, P Giuliani 0; P Morris 1, A Dunnington 0; D King 1, B Lund 0; S D Singh 1, G Quillan 0; M S Jackson 0, D Knox 1; A Mack 0, T Clarke 1; P Large 1, J Fraser-Mitchell 0; J Poulton ½, A Jones ½.

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STUC back-pedals on electricians

By Roland Rudd and Kerry Gill

The trade union movement was yesterday served a warning that any attempt to suspend the electricians from union bodies would be met with swift legal action.

After the suspension of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union from the TUC, the general council of the Scottish TUC last week decided to follow suit and suspend the electricians, although it was not in dispute with the union.

However, it was forced to reconsider its decision yesterday after the electricians sought an injunction (an interim interdict in Scotland)

claiming the suspension was illegal.

Minutes before the hearing began, lawyers for the STUC agreed that the general council would think again. The decision will embarrass the TUC, which hoped the effects of suspension would take effect immediately.

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, said: "Yet again the political vindictiveness of the hard left has placed the trade union movement in an impossible situation."

The union, set to be expelled from the TUC next month, will fiercely resist moves by the TUC to isolate it

from other trade union organizations and committees with trade union representatives.

Mr Donald Mackay, QC, counsel for the STUC, read an agreement to the court stating that a meeting of the general council would be arranged for August 17 to reconsider the union's suspension.

It was agreed that Mr Alf McCluckie, the electricians' Scottish officer, should enjoy full participation in the meeting and also in the activities of the general council of the STUC.

It was also agreed that any decisions by the general council on August 17 should be

given the same publicity as the decision to suspend the union.

Afterwards, Mr McCluckie said he was pleased the agreement had been reached without further litigation.

"We hope that good sense will prevail and that we continue to play a full part in the trade union movement in Scotland."

Although the suspension is technically still in force, the effect of the suspension has been lifted as a result of yesterday's development. Mr Bill Speirs, the STUC's deputy general secretary, said it would notify organizations affiliated to the STUC that they too should suspend the action.

83 attacks on Ulster forces

By Ronald Faux

Demands for tougher measures against terrorists have been made after violent demonstrations in Belfast marking the seventeenth anniversary of internment.

The ritual celebrations resulted in 83 attacks on security forces on Monday night and 42 people were arrested.

Thirteen appeared in court in Belfast yesterday on public disorder and riotous behaviour charges.

Eight Royal Ulster Constabulary officers were injured in clashes. The police force said that more serious, widespread trouble had been avoided by quick action.

The violence brought a strong response yesterday from the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who demanded the introduction of internment for Republican terrorists.

Mr Paisley said the RUC had achieved a 95 per cent success rate in bringing Protestant terrorists to justice, but the force's success against the Republican men of violence had been negligible.

The difference, he said, was that the police were able to go into Protestant areas to get evidence. Rejecting the call by the Northern Ireland Police Federation for even-handed

internment, Mr Paisley said such a move would be unjustified and would antagonize the Protestant community.

"The facts are that the process of law works in Protestant areas," he said. Last year 11 murders were attributed to "loyalist" organizations and 20 people were charged while Republicans committed 69 murders but only eight were charged.

The same pattern appeared over the past seven years and was repeated for cases of attempted murder and causing explosions. He called on the Government to embark on a policy of "killing killers, terrorizing terrorists and detaining the death squads".

The DUP executive's answer to the recent upsurge in violence included calls for capital punishment, more resources to fight the IRA, search and seize operations in Republican areas, stronger border security and stiffer prison sentences for terrorists.

A crackdown on terrorism on both sides of the border was demanded by the Rev Stanley Whittington, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

He was speaking yesterday at the funeral of Mr William Hassard, aged 59, a father of four shot dead by the IRA on

Thursday with another man as they were working at Belleek RUC station.

Mr Whittington appealed to the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach to act against the mindless murderers who freely crossed and recrossed the border. It was not a time for political posturing, he said.

The leaders had the experience and resources to restrain the murderers.

IRA soldiers who survived the IRA bomb blast at Inglis Barracks in north London will pay tribute to their murdered colleague on Thursday. A full military funeral will be held at the base for Lance Corporal Michael Robbins, aged 23, who died in the explosion on August 1, before he is buried in a private family ceremony.

Irish police and customs officials have smashed an IRA smuggling racket and seized illegally imported cattle worth £250,000 at a farmhouse in Co Monaghan. Mr Kevin Boland, a former pealed in the Dublin government yesterday not to extradite Robert Russell, a Maze prison escapee, to Northern Ireland later this month. Britain views the case as a test of the Irish administration's willingness to hand over terrorist suspects.

A glimpse inside Holloway

Governor deserves medal, say inmates

Monica, awaiting trial on a charge of murder, leaned on her broom. "Prison is prison," she said. "But since the strike we've definitely been getting away with more" (Peter Archer of the Press Association reports).

The 36-year-old from Goddington, Surrey, was sweeping the corridor of the medical wing of Britain's biggest women's jail, Holloway in north London.

Throughout the prison few staff were on duty but the inmates were well behaved and the atmosphere was calm and relaxed. The prisoners were enjoying time off from the usual supervision.

Monica, accused of murdering her husband, had one complaint: "I've been on remand for nine months now and this strike can only delay things. The feeling is that the prison officers have let us down. But there's less tension

in the air since they walked out. The governor and staff who are keeping things going deserve medals."

Mr Colin Allen, the governor, is struggling to maintain stability in the jail which houses 458 prisoners. Outside the gates, half a dozen striking Prison Officers' Association members formed a token picket line.

The dispute over staffing levels at Holloway is the focus of nationwide discontent.

The Home Office allowed a tour of the jail by the Press Association in an attempt to counter claims by the POA that staff shortages were making prisons unsafe.

We entered through two sets of electronically controlled doors for the first stop, the governor's office. His secretary interrupted her honeymoon to help out during the dispute.

Mr Allen said a "reasonable

regime" was being achieved despite the dispute. "We are managing to cope under difficult circumstances. The one serious effect, however, is that we are not able to produce prisoners for courts."

Holloway is being run by 31 assistant and deputy governors, including 21 from other jails, and about 30 prison officers who have defied the strike call.

Mr Allen, who was on his way to talks with POA leaders in London, said: "This dispute is doing nobody any good. We are struggling to keep the place going and it is not doing the reputation of prison officers any good."

Holloway does not suffer the chronic overcrowding and Victorian sanitation common elsewhere in the prison system. The workshops library, gym and sports hall are well equipped but the residential blocks are claustrophobic.

Jail dispute talks continue

By Andrew Morgan

The talks at the Prison Department on the morning levels dispute at Holloway prison, in north London, broke up last night without agreement, but will resume this morning.

The Prison Department, with Mr Colin Allen, the governor, met the Prison Officers' Association for the talks which centre on the numbers of officers needed to unlock cells during the prisoners' free association times.

After the adjournment, the association said that its threat to order women prison officers at 11 other establishments to take action in support of

their colleagues had been postponed, pending the outcome of today's discussions.

In a letter to *The Times* today, Mr Christopher Train, director general of the Prison Service, responds to correspondence from his Honour Judge Argyle and suggests he "oversimplifies" the position in claiming that the introduction of the Fresh Start working system last year should have been postponed until there were enough prison officers.

Mr Train says that the right number of staff for each establishment would not be known with certainty until Fresh Start is "bedded in". He says there are plans for up to

2,500 new officers this year.

Meanwhile, prisoners inside Holloway yesterday issued a press release which condemned the industrial action and accused the officers of trying to impose a "get tough" regime through the dispute.

As journalists toured the units, the prisoners praised the governor and senior staff and spoke of the "present success" of greater freedom.

The 200 Holloway officers taking action want three officers on duty for every 32 inmates unlocked, but the Home Office claims that only two would be required under the Fresh Start proposals.

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Hungerford anniversary

New gun law changes sought

By David Sapsted

Proposals for extra restrictions on the type of armaments used by Michael Ryan at Hungerford, Berkshire, are being studied by the Home Office nearly a year after the shootings in which 16 people were killed.

The proposals are included in a report by Mr Charles McLachlan, Inspector of Constabulary, who urged consideration of a ban on armour-piercing ammunition and the introduction of a doctor's reference in applications for a shotgun certificate.

Ryan fired 84 rounds of armour-piercing ammunition during his rampage on August 19 last year.

Mr McLachlan, in his report on the police operation, also considered whether the type of body armour worn by Ryan should be available only to the armed forces.

The main thrust of the Government's attempt to tighten gun laws is contained in the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, unveiled by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, last December.

It has just completed its committee stage in the House of Lords and, in spite of intense lobbying by firearms

Mrs Liz Brereton considered killing herself after her husband, Police Constable Roger Brereton, was shot in Hungerford, but she was prevented from doing so because of thoughts of her children. Mrs Brereton told *Woman's Own* magazine she once regarded her husband's death as "the end of my world", and still talks to his photograph.

and sports groups in both the Commons and Lords, the Bill has survived largely unscathed so far.

Its most important provisions would prohibit the sale or possession of self-loading or pump-action rifles, burst-fire weapons and self-loading or pump-action short-barrelled shotguns or revolvers.

Most of Ryan's victims were shot with a semi-automatic Chinese AK47 (Kalashnikov) rifle, a type of weapon which Mr Hurd and police commissioners agree should be controlled.

At present, such weapons are available technically to anyone with a firearms certificate, although many police forces have imposed lengthy delays in processing such applications. The gun

lobby, which has argued that they are legitimate weapons for shooting enthusiasts, has won support from disabled marksmen who have tried unsuccessfully to get limited exemptions from the Bill's all-embracing ban.

The Government has offered compensation to legitimate owners of such weapons within three months of their being declared illegal. Conservative MPs had threatened a revolt because of the issue. There were warnings that if no compensation was offered some owners might get rid of semi-automatic weapons on the black market.

However, the Government has encountered most opposition over shotgun licences. The Bill will tighten procedures for obtaining a shotgun certificate and the police will be able to reject applicants they consider are not fit to hold such weapons, or if they are not convinced the gun will be stored securely.

There are 930,000 valid firearms certificates covering an estimated three million weapons. Under the Bill, normal-length pump-action and self-loading shotguns will move up a category, requiring a firearms certificate.

However, the police say that all shotguns should be covered by the stricter criteria. Mr David Owen, of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee, describes it as the Bill's most serious omission. "Shotgun owners will still be subject to virtually no controls", he said.

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Today's middle-class male

Tears flow, confusions grow

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Middle-class men are mellowing and are no longer afraid to shed a tear, according to a survey of their feelings on sex, work and the women in their lives.

Such men are not unhappy if their partners earn more than them, feel that fidelity is important — even when they have been unfaithful themselves — and do not hesitate to clean the house or shop for baby clothes.

The survey of almost 600 men, for *New Woman* magazine and Boss fragrance for men, showed that "men confuse their emotions. They confuse lust with love, caring with being whimsical, and vulnerability with weakness", Miss Frankie McGowan, editor of *New Woman*, said.

Most married men believe that their job is more important than their partner's but, where both partners work, fewer than one in five women earn the same or more than their men. A third of married men would prefer their wives not to work, most often for the reason that someone should look after the children and

keep the house clean. Among unmarried couples living together, however, only one in 10 would prefer a partner to stay at home.

More married men said they would continue a relationship even if they found a partner had been unfaithful, with 50 per cent of them describing their wives as "very" or "quite" adventurous, a figure that soars to 79 per cent among couples living together.

Among married men, almost 75 per cent say their wife is their best friend; 50 per cent of single men say their best friend is more likely to be a female, while almost 20 per cent of single men say they have no best friend at all. The "men-only" outlook seems to be disappearing with the majority of men saying that they prefer to socialize in mixed company.

The survey claims that 70 per cent of men have had a relationship with a woman they did not love; 20 per cent had faked an orgasm; 60 per cent ejaculate prematurely; and 80 per cent cry. Two in three divorces are brought by

women, mainly because of a lack of intimacy. It appears that both marriage and crying are good for your health. According to "menologists", twice as many bachelors kill themselves and four times as many single men enter psychiatric hospitals.

Men who repress their emotions get heart attacks, cancer, and high blood pressure, and they are unloved.

Mr Ken Livingstone, former leader of the Greater London Council and MP for Brent East, said he suspected that too many men had been reading too many women's magazines and, as a result, knew all the "right" answers.

He said the survey reflected significant changes in the economic power of women and was "a useful warning to women against men who throw themselves at their feet with promises of undying love. It has always been the case with men that as soon as their man is no longer looking after them they want to get married. They think that once they've got married they can stop trying and relax into slobery."

Dancers displaying the height of fashion

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Galina Shlyapina of the Moscow Classical Ballet wears a draped evening dress in apple green chiffon with trailing scarf from the new collection of David and Elizabeth Emanuel. She is partnered by her colleague Vladimir Malakhov. (Photograph: Anthony Crickmay)

By Andrew Billen

Asaf Messerer, one of the most famous pre-war Bolshoi dancers, yesterday helped to put the finishing touches to a new production of *Swan Lake*.

Tchaikovsky's ballet opened last night at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, in a unique Anglo-Soviet co-production. The Moscow Classical Ballet is performing amid sets by Mr Tim Goodchild, the British designer.

danced *Swan Lake* in 1921.

Mr Messerer, now 85, first He was trained by dancers who recalled its original production in 1876.

His teacher at the Bolshoi Academy, Gorski, was responsible for its revival in the 1920s, when an artistic conflict almost led the dancers to strike. He has choreographed the fourth act and with Miss Marina Semyonova, the former ballerina, worked to restore several dances from the original version.

Yesterday afternoon he gave some final advice to the leading dancers, Miss Galina Shlyapina and Mr Vladimir Malakhov.

Mr Vladimir Vasilyov, the co-director of the Moscow Classical Ballet, said: "Co-production is a complicated business, two different cultures and points of view had to come together, neither better nor worse, just different".

The company is following the Kirov Ballet into the temporary dance theatre.

Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

New car for winner

A half-share in yesterday's Portfolio competition will help to pay for a new car for Mr Mark Bellamy, a computer programmer from Brookland Park, Basildon, Essex.

"I was just about to buy a car, so this win should help", Mr Bellamy said. "I'm also

going out to celebrate with a few friends." Mr Bellamy receives £2,000, as does Mr William Watt, a solicitor from Tanbury Avenue, Glasgow. "I didn't expect to win and I've no idea what I'll spend the money on", Mr Watt said. "That will be decided by my wife."

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report the co-pilot said he realized that he would be on duty, but that in order to get back to Britain the co-pilot had to fly an hour later than he had intended.

Gatwick is dogged by delays

By Emma Williams

All Cal Air flights from Gatwick were delayed yesterday for up to 10 hours because the operators were unable to supply aircraft on time to replace one damaged on take-off from Boston, Maine, 10 days ago.

FLIGHTCHECK

was expected to arrive at Gatwick from Manchester at 4pm.

Cal Air flights to Toronto and Rhodes this morning were delayed by at least five hours.

Passengers should check on time in case alternative aircraft become available.

All flights across French and Spanish air space were delayed by two or three hours, the airport said.

Monarch Airways flight to Luton was delayed for 14 hours and an Air Europe flight to Malaga was 3 1/2 hours late.

Manchester to Paris flight was delayed for 12 hours and a British Airways flight to Palma de Mallorca was 10 hours late.

Luton to Manchester flight was delayed for 12 hours and a British Airways flight to Cologne was 10 hours late.

A flight from Luton to Cologne was 10 hours late and a British Airways flight to Cologne was 10 hours late.

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The rising cost of tourism

Hotels warned that price increases may cost them customers

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

London hoteliers have been warned not to exploit the shortage of beds in the capital for fear of driving away tourists, according to a report by management consultants Pannell Kerr Forster.

The report says that "although it is unlikely that London has priced itself out of the market, caution should be exercised to avoid abusing the hoteliers' advantage". There are now "clear signs of price resistance".

But Mr Terence Holmes, managing director of Cunard Hotels, which owns The Ritz, disagreed. He said: "This question comes up every time prices rise. I think most hotels have held their rates this year, or gone in for small rises. Whenever prices go up there is always some price resistance, but I don't believe that we are seeing that this year."

British hotels increased their profitability by more than 20 per cent last year, twice the rate of inflation, says the report, entitled "Outlook

in the Hotel and Tourism Industries - UK Trends, 1988". Average room occupancy rates rose more than 5 per cent to 71.5 per cent, and room prices rose correspondingly by just over 6 per cent to an average £45.90 per night in hotels with three-star rating or higher.

So far this year the hotel industry's fortunes have been "mixed", with falls in occupancy rates in London "giving cause for concern". Occupancy rates in the most expensive hotels have dropped more than 14 per cent this year, compared with an average London decline of 5.3 per cent.

However, "room rates have compensated for this and, overall, rooms revenue is up by 1.7 per cent", says the report. Looking to the future, Pannell Kerr Forster say that "overall, the British hotel industry is expected to perform well", notwithstanding the mixed start to 1988.

The report says occupancy

rates in London are still topping 70 per cent. "The outcome for the year will depend on results for the summer. The signs are that there will be a further decrease in occupancy in London hotels during the summer with a recovery towards the end of the year." Average achieved room rates in 1987 were predictably highest in London at £59.47 per night and lowest in Wales at £28.29.

But they were higher in Scotland, £38.72, than in the South and South-east of England at £37.34, or in the West Country at £34.28.

London's average occupancy last year was 80.6 per cent. The largest number of empty rooms were in the North-west where 58.5 per cent was the average occupancy.

Scotland enjoyed the greatest improvement in occupancy rates, which rose by 7.6 per cent, but the lowest improvement in returns - 1.6 per cent.

Rising bills await Olympic visitors

By John Spicer and Gavin Bell

Sports fans, tourists, journalists and competitors have been told to expect soaring prices in Seoul. Visitors to the South Korean capital face rising costs in restaurants and hotels - up by as much as 70 per cent in some cases - in the run-up to next month's Olympics.

A single room in a three or four-star hotel will cost at least 50 per cent more than it did a year ago - at £42 and £75 a night respectively, they are still cheaper than similar accommodation in any Western capital, particularly during an Olympic year.

The warning about prices comes from an independent company, Employment Conditions Abroad, which specialises in studying and comparing costs of living in countries round the world.

Following a survey, ECA says: "A trip to Seoul for the Olympic Games this year could prove to be a very costly experience as increases in hotel and restaurant prices soar well above the official annual inflation figure of 7.6 per cent".

Five-star hotel prices have risen by 17 per cent on average - not a dramatic increase, says the report - and a single room costs about £100 per night - "still reasonable by London standards".

ECA's most recent survey on food prices in Seoul was conducted in March 1988. This indicated that, even then, on average, lunch in a snack bar was 19 per cent more expensive than it had been last September and the cost of a dinner at a medium-priced restaurant averaged £22.30, a 43 per cent increase on the

September 1987 figure of £15.60.

In London, the government-owned Korean National Tourism Corporation said the type of hotels covered in the survey had probably all been fully booked for the Olympic Games for the past 12 months.

Good quality smaller hotels, which had a private bath, television and telephone, had been charging between about £15 and £20 a night, but their spokeswoman said she was not sure if these had since been increased.

There is no doubt that South Korea's rapidly expanding economy is overheating. Consumer prices are increasing by around 8 per cent, double last year's rate, but they began from a remarkably low base. Outside of the luxury hotels, a decent meal may be found in a Korean restaurant for less than £3.

Taxis are cheap - a half-hour ride from the city centre to the main Olympic stadium costs less than £2 - and the bus and underground fares are a fraction of those in London.

Those concerned about spiralling hotel costs may consider a cheaper and more interesting alternative. The authorities have inspected and set aside more than 9,000 rooms in Yogan, traditional Korean inns, for the Olympic period.

For around £15 per night, they offer simple but clean and perfectly adequate accommodation in which bedding is in the local style of mattresses and quilts on polished wooden floors. They are ideal for groups or families, since the price is usually for the room, not the number of occupants.

SINGLE HOTEL ROOM WITH BATH

	Sept 1987	Sept 1988	% increase
5-star	£87.70	£102.40	17
4-star	£50.00	£74.60	49
3-star	£24.50	£41.80	71

	Sept 1987	Mar 1988	% increase
Snack	£8.80	£10.40	19
Dinner (medium price)	£18.60	£22.30	45
Dinner (international class)	£26.80	£42.70	59
Alcoholic drink (one double)	£3.60	£4.20	17

'Street theologian' to assist city churches

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The first "street theologian" to be appointed in a British university will take up his post at the University of Newcastle next year, financed by a £400,000 donation from a local philanthropist.

The £24,000-a-year job has gone to Dr Robin Gill, a former lecturer at Edinburgh University. He has been appointed because, as Professor John Sawyer, his new head of department, puts it: "Something pretty radical is going to have to happen to Christianity to increase the tiny congregations attending churches in the inner cities."

"There is an increasing school of thought which holds that the Church's emphasis on matters spiritual is irrelevant and unpopular to people struggling with very real and material inner-city problems", Professor Sawyer said.

The idea of financing an academic to work at street level came from Mr William Leech, aged 87, a millionaire who started work as a window cleaner and now runs a building business. Over the years he has donated more than £25 million to what he considers

worthy causes. Mr Leech wanted someone to find practical answers to questions raised two years ago in the Church of England's report, *Faith in the Cities*.

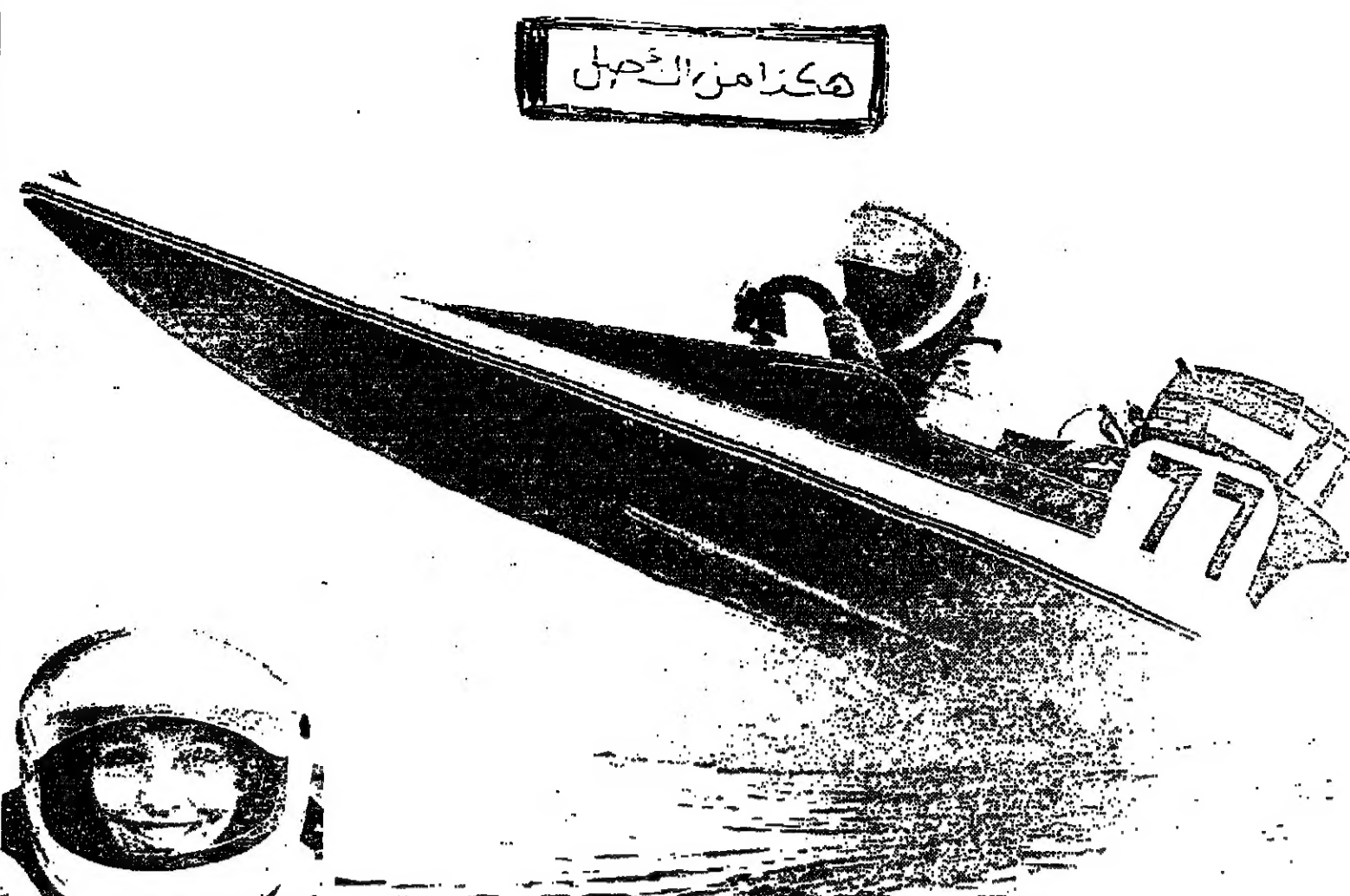
Mr Nigel Sherlock, chairman of the working party which looked into the idea of the William Leech Fellowship in Applied Christian Theology, said: "The theological chapter in *Faith in the Cities* was underdeveloped. There is a need to fund research to provide theological support for people on the front-line struggling against all the odds to put their Christianity into practice in the community, rather than the ephemeral non-practical dissertation that goes on at the moment".

Dr Gill, who is lecturing in the United States, will hold the post, endowed in perpetuity, for five years. He has a master's degree in sociology and a doctorate from London University.

The Rt Rev Kenneth Gill, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, said: "Dr Gill's research will help us to solve contemporary issues".

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Taking aim at a power boat world title



Alison Collins, aged 17, puts a 250cc power boat through its paces yesterday in preparation for the UK leg of the World Power Boat Championship, to be held in London's Royal Victoria Dock on August 29. Miss Collins, from Norwich, is among the favourites to win the junior category of the competition (Photographs: Peter Trierborn).

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New curriculum for schools in jeopardy, Labour survey says

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

The Government was told yesterday that its plans for the introduction of a national curriculum in state schools could be jeopardized unless important changes were made in teacher training methods.

A survey by the Labour Party found that 88 per cent of English education authorities had no faith in the so-called "cascade" method of training teachers to administer national testing of pupils at ages 7, 11, and 14.

The tests are a vital part of the national curriculum plan and any failure of the testing system would undermine the Government's efforts to monitor and raise standards in schools.

The "cascade" system — under which key teachers are trained and in turn instruct junior colleagues — has been used to train teachers for the new GCSE.

The serious discontent with the method was revealed by a survey of 59 local education authorities carried out by Labour's "GCSE Watch" campaign.

Chief education officers questioned said the method, although admirable in principle, did not allow enough time for the in-depth training which teachers required.

Announcing the survey's findings, Mr Derek Fatchett, Labour junior education spokesman, said: "This clearly has serious implications for

Parents and governors at 80 schools threatened with closure or being turned into City Technical Colleges, were yesterday considering whether to begin procedures for opting out of local authority control and becoming grant-maintained schools, following the decision by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to freeze all outstanding closure plans.

They have been given until November 30 to decide if they want to leave the future of their schools to Mr Baker or to make arrangements for a ballot of parents on opting out.

Schools with more than 300 pupils can apply to leave local authority control if more than half the parents are in favour.

national testing under the national curriculum".

The survey also provided evidence to support Labour's claims that the Government had rushed the introduction of GCSE and failed to provide enough money for it.

Mr Fatchett said 92 per cent of authorities felt they had been given inadequate resources to introduce GCSE, resulting in shortages of teaching and support staff.

In addition 97 per cent thought the workload imposed on teachers and pupils by GCSE was excessive and 93 per cent said they had suffered "major problems" because

they did not have enough staff to cover for teachers taking part in marking and moderation of course work.

The situation had been made worse by the failure of examination boards to work together to ensure that course work deadlines did not clash, putting extra pressure on pupils.

Mr Fatchett said the problems, which had been reported by Conservative as well as Labour councils, meant that the 700,000 fifth-formers who took GCSE for the first time this year had been faced with "unnecessary difficulties".

The claims were denied by the Department of Education and Science, which described GCSE as "the most generously funded examination reform ever undertaken". Ministers had provided more than £200 million over the past three years for the introduction of GCSE, including £40 million for new books and equipment.

In addition local authority spending limits were being relaxed to allow them to spend an extra £77 million this year on the new examination.

The department rejected the criticism of the "cascade" method, saying it had been vindicated by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools in an interim report on GCSE.

The inspectors said the method had "met most of the objectives set for it" in training teachers for GCSE.

Skills crisis 'fuels inflation'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Britain is afflicted by a growing skills crisis which a "negligent" Government is doing nothing to remedy, Labour claimed yesterday.

The shortage of skilled labour was hampering production and fuelling inflation as firms were forced to pay higher wages to get the people they wanted, Mr Michael Meacher, shadow Employment Secretary, said.

He acknowledged that firms should themselves be spending more on training but said it was up to the Government to set an example. Instead it had ended the training levy, abolished 23 out of 29 Industrial Training Boards and cut the number of skill centres by up to a third.

Its new Employment Training programme "won't even begin to replace such excellent

training facilities", said Mr Meacher, who called for a national skills audit so that business needs could be identified and met in an efficient manner. He said the evidence of skills shortages was "truly staggering".

A survey by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce showed that in the Thames Valley 91 per cent of firms had trouble finding skilled manual workers and 75 per cent could not find office staff.

In the north, 30 per cent of Merseyside companies faced the same problems, while 45 per cent of employers in Yorkshire and Humberside could not recruit skilled production workers.

Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment, last night praised the new Employ-

ment Training programme, which starts next month, and condemned left-wing councils which refused to support it.

The £1.5 billion scheme was the most comprehensive training package ever provided to longer-term unemployed people in this country, Mr Cope said.

The Training Commission had received bids to provide 700,000 places, double what was needed, from hundreds of enthusiastic organizations.

Mr Cope acknowledged that there was a skills shortage, but said the aim of the scheme was to provide the unemployed with those skills. "Unfortunately, in some areas left-wing local authorities decided not to support ET. They prefer to turn their backs on unemployed people rather than help them to get work."

Coastguard campaign launched

By Michael Horsnell

Coastguard leaders have launched a campaign to prevent service cutbacks amid fears that they may no longer be able to guarantee immediate rescues.

Coastguard stations, already reduced to 24 by four closures in the past 10 years, are threatened by the axing of three more by next March on the grounds that advances in communications allow for fewer centres.

However, one man, brought back to life by coastguards after his heart stopped beating, said yesterday he would be dead if Hartland, one of the rescue centres to be closed, had been shut when he was swept out to sea in June.

He was saved after a holidaymaker walking near Ilfracombe heard cries for help and dialled 999.

Coastguards at Hartland decided the cries must have come from an area of cliffs and caves called Little Hangman, despatched a rescue helicopter from RAF Chivenor and sent a land rescue team.

The helicopter crew found Mr Paul Adams, aged 29, from Combe Martin, unconscious in the water and resuscitated him on board after winching him clear six minutes after the alarm was raised.

If Hartland had been closed, the 999 call would have been routed to coastguards at Swansea, who, without local specialist knowledge, might not have reached Mr Adams in time.

The loss of the station is further complicated by proposals to close the search and rescue squadron at RAF Chivenor, as well as the lifeboat station at nearby Clovelly.

Mr Adams said: "I was swept out to sea by the incoming tide while climbing the rocks, showing the area to a friend. The tide came in so fast it was terrifying."

"I owe my life to those coastguards and I wouldn't be here now if it hadn't been for them."

"I don't remember the rescue or the resuscitation of course. To save anyone else's life in the circumstances I was in means the coastguard station must be kept open."

The launching of a national campaign to prevent Coastguard cutbacks has coincided with an appeal to the Prime Minister by Mr John Douglas, a former chief inspector of HM Coastguard, to intervene.

Mr Douglas said yesterday: "I am very unhappy about the cutbacks. The decision is not in the best interests of inshore fishermen or the public. I am aware of the technological advances but this does not make up for local knowledge in a search and rescue operation."

The campaign, "Don't Sink



Threatened by cutbacks: Senior Coastguard officer Kit Smith of Hartland surveys the area where a climber was brought back to life by rescuers

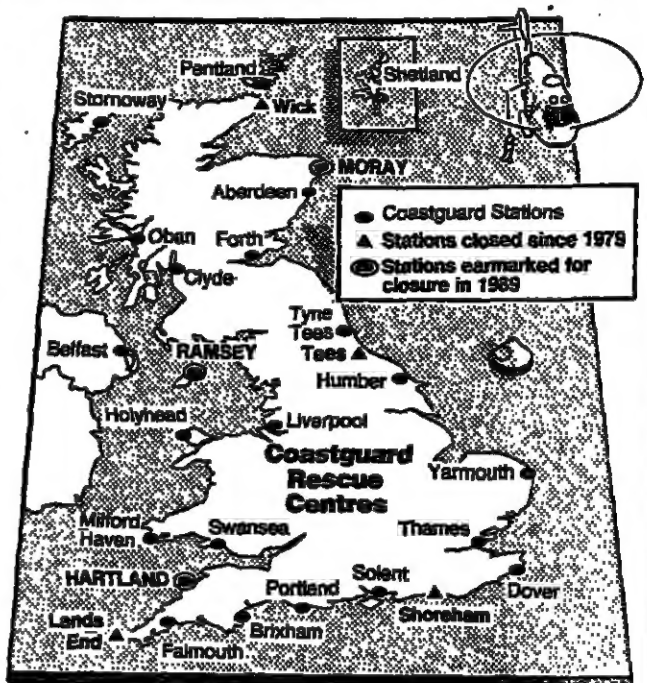
the Coastguard", is urging all MPs with coastal constituencies to fight cost-cutting plans by the Department of Transport.

The service, responsible for coordinating all Britain's coastal rescues from swimmers in trouble to the Piper Alpha, Torrey Canyon and Penlee disasters, will be reduced to 541 officers — 130 fewer than recommended in a 1979 review.

The non-party political campaign is being launched by the coastguards' union, the National Union of Civil and Public Servants.

Yesterday Mr Tom Hayes, its assistant general secretary, said: "Coastguards know that if these proposed closures go ahead, and if existing staff shortages are not ended, then they will no longer be able to guarantee the rescue service mariners, seaside dwellers and holidaymakers depend on. The service is dangerously frayed."

The cuts will close rescue centres at Hartland, north Devon; Ramsey, Isle of Man; and Moray near Peterhead, Grampian. Already axed are those at Land's End, Shoreham, Tees and Wick.



Coastguards, whose minimum entry age is 27 and who must have seven years previous maritime or communications experience, receive a starting salary of £120 a week and can expect to earn no more than £14,000 a year as a regional controller, of which there are six in Britain.

About 74 per cent of the 5,563 rescues the service mounted last year involved boating enthusiasts, swimmers and others on holiday. The Department of Transport, whose marine directorate is responsible for safety at sea, denied the closures would endanger the public.

Rates bill ruled out for city's Super Prix

By Craig Seton

A valuation court yesterday ruled that Birmingham City Council would not have to pay itself more than £30,000 a year in rates on its annual Super Prix, the first Monaco-style motor race on public roads in Britain.

Birmingham's local valuation panel rejected a claim by the city's valuation officer, representing the Inland Revenue, that five streets used for the race's 2.47-mile circuit were rateable because they ceased to be a public highway during the two-day event.

The Super Prix was first held in 1986 and will be staged again this August Bank Holiday. The council said the future of the race could be jeopardized if it had to pay rates. Officials said that if they had lost the case the bill, totalling £150,000 over five years, would have been paid from Super Prix proceeds into city funds.

They also feared that other functions on public roads could become rateable.

The council argued that it was not in occupation of the circuit during the Super Prix. Races were held under the auspices of the British Racing and Sports Car Club.

Dr Nigel Fortune, chairman of the Birmingham valuation panel, yesterday said the panel had decided that the city council was not in exclusive occupation of the circuit as the roads used for racing had not ceased to be public highway.

The panel also decided the city's use of the circuit was for too short a period.

Mr Dick Knowles, Labour leader of Birmingham council, said: "We welcome the decision, which restores my faith in common sense. If the decision had gone against us, we might have been in the absurd position of having to pay rates for similar events such as the Lord Mayor's procession, the Milk Race and indeed any kind of procession."

Man 'saw daughter set alight'

A father swore across a courtroom yesterday that the man accused of burning his daughter to death in a fit of jealousy, Mr William Pearson, aged 53, pointed to David Holmes in the Central Criminal Court dock and called him a "bastard" as he described how he had tried to go to his daughter Elaine's rescue.

Mr Holmes, aged 47, denies murdering his estranged wife, aged 24, and her boy friend, Mr Alan Trowbridge, aged 29, in September last year.

The prosecution alleges that the Mr Holmes doused the couple with petrol and set them alight when he found them at his former home in Horsell, Surrey.

Born days from their "horrific" burns later.

Mr Pearson told the court that he visited his daughter's flat after receiving a telephone call from a relative. He heard "a whoosh" and her screaming. "No David, no", he said.

My daughter was standing on tiptoe on the landing. She was nearly hysterical."

Mr Pearson pointed to Mr Holmes and said: "That bastard appeared to have something in his hand. His stance was as if he was going to throw something."

"As soon as she saw me climbing the stairs, she said, 'Dad, dad, look what he has done to me — no one would believe it'."

Mr Pearson said his daughter's injuries did not register with him.

"Then I saw this bloke with all stuff hanging from him. It was Alan Trowbridge."

A neighbour described seeing Mrs Holmes coming down the stairs, still burning.

"She was white — she said, 'Look what he has done to me'." Mrs Pauline Carter told the court.

The case continues today.

Punishment in community scheme

Threat of a revolt by JPs

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Magistrates in England and Wales are likely to refuse to implement the Government's "punishment in the community" scheme without reassurance that offenders will be properly supervised, the chairman of the Magistrates' Association said yesterday.

Mr John Hosking said that magistrates had "very strong reservations" about the proposed alternatives to custody outlined in the Government's Green Paper, "Punishment in the Community".

This was chiefly because many probation officers, who would play a key role in making non-custodial punishment work, were resistant to supervising it.

The Government had in part taken account of magistrates' concern that there was too big a gap between imprisonment and alternatives such as the community service order, and tougher standards had been produced.

However, magistrates were not confident that the probation service was prepared to exercise the necessary control, Mr Hosking said.

His comments come at a time of mounting concern among magistrates over increased Government pressure to pursue certain sentencing policies — such as keeping offenders out of custody or "getting tough" over drunken disorder — without adequate back-up.

Magistrates' courts were still short-staffed and there was concern about court closures through lack of clerks and poor pay. Mr Hosking said the situation in some areas was "very serious indeed". There was also the acute problem of lack of police in courts.

Mr Hosking is also concerned that magistrates are being asked to adopt "horizontal" rather than "vertical" sentencing policies, and to abandon the principle that an increasingly severe penalty is imposed until it makes re-offending not worthwhile.

They were being told that "no matter how often people reoffend, provided they do not offend in those categories that we feel should warrant a prison sentence, they should

go on and on at the same level, sending someone back to community service."

The old principle, which worked successfully with children, was the right one, he said.

Magistrates were completely behind the Government's attempts to tackle breaches of the licensing laws and the increase in drink-related rowdiness. But they did not like being told to "get tough" because it encroached on their independence.

Mr Hosking said that magistrates were frequently blamed for sending too many people to prison and contributing to prison overcrowding. "But the fact is we all try incredibly hard to avoid sending people to prison." At any one time, magistrates were responsible for probably less than 7 per cent, and at most 10 per cent of the prison population.

"We try to do an honest job for the nation, but we cannot do it in a vacuum. We need the support of the Government, media and public", he said.

Suicides blamed on surgery delays

Nurses urged to ease pain of waiting

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Every health authority should appoint a nurse to deal with the physical and psychological problems experienced by patients waiting months and even years for joint replacement operations, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

The college's Rheumatology Nursing Forum claimed that the acute pain suffered by patients while they waited had led to marital breakdown and even suicide. In one case, a woman aged 64 jumped from the sixteenth floor of a block of flats because of the frustration of intense arthritic pain and being unable to move out of the building. The forum estimated that at least six people committed suicide every year as a result of long waits.

Guidelines published by the forum yesterday urge nurses to take a more active part in advising and counselling patients. They should allay patients' fears about their admission to hospital, giving them more information about hospital

tests and theatre preparations, and help them to control the pain through advice on diet, drugs, relaxation therapy, physiotherapy and joint protection. Nurses should also advise on where treatment can be received quicker.

Miss Margaret Lee, the college's deputy director of nursing policy and practice, said most patients had to wait between 15 and 28 months for a hip operation on the National Health Service. "This can often put a great strain on family relationships. When in pain the libido goes. You get scratchy and irritable and bad tempered with the kids", Miss Lee said. Many people waiting for operations felt they were no longer attractive to their spouses.

Even when patients turned up for appointments some of them were told that they could not be operated on because they had put on too much weight, or had an infection. She said a catalyst was needed to ensure that this

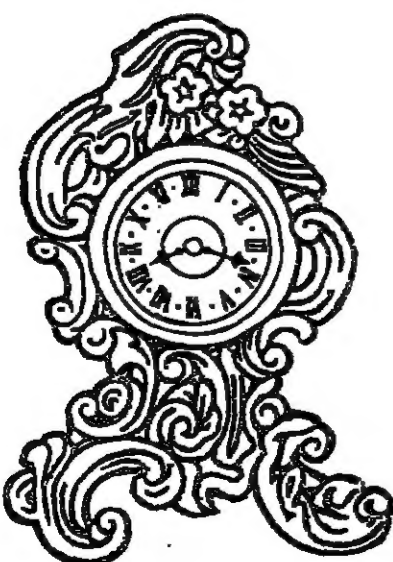
never happened and that patients were always in the best possible state for their appointments.

The forum suggested that a nurse should be appointed either in the community or at each hospital to co-ordinate help for the waiting patients. Their work could include arranging visits by GPs or nurses, making sure social services, liaising with consultants on when patients were likely to be admitted.

Miss Jan Laycock, a rheumatology sister in Blackburn, said: "Patients often get berated by health professionals or secretaries when they want to find out where they are on the waiting list. They have enough anguish without having to put up with NHS bureaucracy."

Major Joint Replacement: Nursing guidelines (Scutari Projects Ltd, Viking House, 17-19 Peterborough Road, Harrow, north-west London, HA1 2AX, £1.95).

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Beit Yuhon,
southern Lebanon

Two Israeli Centurion tanks have been parked behind the new earth revetments of the "Cuckoo's Nest". Through the fixed binoculars of the United Nations position at Hill 620 — itself a plateau of grey dust only five miles from the Israeli frontier — you can see a young Israeli soldier with blond hair perched on the turret of one of the tanks, reading a newspaper.

Between the two vehicles, an awning shields his dozing colleagues from the midday sun. Little wonder that the Israeli officers have told their opposite numbers in the UN's Irish battalion that they prefer life in occupied Lebanon to life in the occupied West Bank.

But the rocky fields, the hot breeze and the smell of eucalyptus that drifts across them contain the usual Lebanese illusions. By night, the wind is cold and the wadis are death traps. When one of the two

tanks began firing *flèches* into the narrow valley in the early hours of last month, four Amal gunmen were torn to pieces by the steel projectiles and their four colleagues badly wounded.

They lay screaming in the wadi for hours while the United Nations troops were under orders to stay in their positions. Enraged by the UN's inability to help, Amal men even attacked an Irish position, only to be driven off by Irish gunfire.

At first light, the UN entered the wadi to find that the wounded had crawled away to safety, leaving trails of blood behind them.

If this is a forgotten war — ignored amid the immensity of the struggle now ended in the Gulf — it can at least lay claim to being one of the longest. For more than a decade, it has exacted its savage toll in southern Lebanon as the Israelis and the Palestinians — and later the Lebanese resistance — cut into each other.

Four members of Israel's proxy

"South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia, itself a rabble of bearded gunmen no more disciplined than the guerrillas to the north, have been killed in the course of the past two months.

The Irish at Hill 620 saw two of them blown up by a roadside bomb. When they reached them, one was already dead, the other dying with an open chest wound and his jaw sheared off by the explosion.

The Israeli response has often been of more than equal savagery. When the two SLA men were killed, Israeli tanks fired into two villages, killing two young women. After two rocket-propelled grenades were directed at the "Cuckoo's Nest" three weeks ago, an Israeli tank fired 140 shells into the neighbouring, populated village of Bradshet.

The minaret of the local mosque was devastated, Mrs Farhad lost her grocery shop and applied to emigrate to Australia. Two Irish soldiers on a UN patrol, caught

Israeli jets silence PLO radio in Sidon

Sidon — Three Palestinians were reported killed as Israeli jet fighters staged a two-hour raid against Palestinian targets here yesterday in an attempt to silence the Palestine Liberation Organization's radio station in the city (Juan Carlos Gumacio writes). The shanty towns where PLO guerrillas have their main power base were hit repeatedly.

The radio, which Israel claims was sending messages about "terror attacks" to Palestinians in the West Bank, went off the air, although it was believed plans were under way to recommence broadcasts from a different site. One floor of the station was said to have been devastated.

in the open by the night-time bombardment, had to crawl several hundred yards through ditches to save their lives.

In the end, only a cow died. But there are few people brave enough to want to go on living in Bradshet.

The UN will tell you that it can be seasonal. The attacks can bog down in the winter. In the spring this year, the Irish battalion watched the SLA militia firing bullets around the workers in the fields nearest the Israeli positions.

Last month, they say, the same

pro-Israeli gunmen fired tracers into the same fields to destroy the harvest. The results are there today, a great black stain of charred earth that reaches through the stone walls and hedgerows.

If these are not the killing fields, they seem to qualify for that other verbal paradigm from South-East Asia — a fire-zone.

Not quite, of course. The UN are still there, reporting each shooting violation by each side, escorting the villagers of remote At Tiri past the SLA men until the Israelis agreed to a system of

identity cards for the civilians. Successive United Nations Irish battalions have been here for 10 years and there are few men who would put money on their not being here a decade hence.

"Things change in a subtle, Lebanese way," as Commandant Donald Bracken puts it.

And so they do. The least subtle of these developments has been the virtual collapse of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement in this part of southern Lebanon.

The more nationalist Amal militia — who are, in practice if not in theory, prepared to reach an accommodation of sorts with the Israelis — attacked the Hezbollah offices in the village of Siddiqin last April, killed two of the gunmen there, and expelled 12 students from the local "Islamic College".

They even persuaded some of the less stout Hezbollah hearts to repent their pro-Iranian ways and return to the Amal fold.

The Shia branch of Islam in

southern Lebanon is not just strong. It can embrace an armed heretic or two if politics dictates. Israel's protection is directed towards its own militia. Those earthen compounds on the ridge line past Beit Yuhon have been reinforced with concrete tunnels deep beneath the ground and a special ramp by which a tank can ascend to the edge of the compound and fire down into the wadis.

The Israelis tried to bulldoze another fortress next to a United Nations post, until an Irish officer ordered vehicles to block its path.

In one of the more imperishable moments in the annals of the United Nations, the officer — speaking in Irish so that the Israelis would not understand — was confronted by the problem of translating "bulldozer" into his official national language.

So it was that Unifil troops were astonished to hear that "a dozing bull" was making its approach to the UN lines.

Hamadei confesses role in hijack of TWA airliner

From John England, Bonn

Muhammad Ali Hamadei, on trial in Frankfurt for involvement in the hijacking of a TWA airliner during which a US Navy diver passenger was murdered, unexpectedly confessed yesterday to his part in the affair.

Hamadei, a Lebanese aged 24, made the admission on the last day of the trial before a summer adjournment until September.

But he denied shooting Robert Stethem, aged 23, an underwater steel construction specialist, at Beirut airport, and gave no details of the 17-day hijacking in 1985.

Hamadei, however, turned to the victim's parents, Mr and Mrs Richard Stethem, who are attending the trial as co-plaintiffs, and told them he regretted the suffering caused by their son's death.

He said he had agreed to take part in the hijacking, aimed at winning freedom for more than 700 Arab prisoners in Israeli jails, on condition that no one would be killed.

Hamadei added that, due to his present "political understanding" he now distanced himself from the hijacking. "I

am not a terrorist and I reject terrorism," he said. But he justified the hijacking — on June 14, 1985, soon after the airliner took off from Athens on a flight to Rome — as the "last means" of gaining the release of the Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners from Israeli "torture prisons".

The prisoners were freed after the hijack ended, but Israel insisted there had been no deal with the hijackers.

Hamadei claimed that the prisoners were subjected to the "most brutal" torture, including electric shocks, burns and attacks by dogs trained to bite a man's genitals. "If my act was a crime, then it was a result of crimes against international law by Israel and its main ally, the United States," he added.

"Since I have been able to think, I have known only war, destruction and death," he said, citing the massacres of Palestinian refugees in the Sabra and Chatila camps as examples of Israeli and American actions.

He appealed to Americans to persuade their Government to "end the policy that has led

to the destruction of Lebanon", adding: "I wish all states in the world to live in peace with each other."

Hamadei indicated that he was under the orders of an accomplice during the hijack although he refused to name him. West German security men have identified him as Hassan Izz al-Dine, a Lebanese.

Hamadei also declined to say who organized the hijacking, although he insisted that it was not the pro-Iranian Shia Muslim Hezbollah group in Beirut.

Dr R. Heiner Mückenberger, the presiding judge, called Hamadei "intelligent" and said his confession could enable the court to take a new view. But many questions remained.

Hamadei said he was prepared to answer some questions, but not all.

The trial, which began on July 5 in the heavily guarded, specially built courtroom at Frankfurt's Preungheimschloß prison, was expected to last a year. But a court spokesman said yesterday that, if Hamadei would give details of

the hijacking and also confess to the murder of Mr Stethem, several American witnesses on board the aircraft would not be called to give evidence.

Hamadei last month admitted having attempted to smuggle explosives into West Germany. He was arrested at Frankfurt airport on January 13, 1987, after a flight from Beirut when three bottles of liquid explosive were found in his luggage.

Washington pressed Bonn to extradite him but, after threats to the lives of two West Germans kidnapped in Beirut within a week of Hamadei's arrest, Bonn decided he would stand trial in Frankfurt.

Hamadei's brother, Abbas, aged 29, was sentenced by a Düsseldorf court last April to 13 years in prison for involvement in the kidnappings. One of the hostages, Herr Alfred Schmidt, aged 48, was released last September, but Dr Rudolf Cordes, aged 54, is still held.

Three letters from him, to his wife, children and the West German Government, were delivered by a contact man last week.

Jubilant Iraqis applaud their leader



President Saddam Hussein of Iraq acknowledging the cheers of crowds yesterday when he visited the holy Muslim shrine at Samarra, north-west of Baghdad, to offer thanks following agreement on a ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf War with Iran.

UN dogged by financial crisis at moment of greatest success

From Charles Bremner, New York

As the broker of peace in the Gulf, Afghanistan and southern Africa, the United Nations has suddenly come into its own as a mediating force after years of neglect and abuse. But at the moment of its greatest success, the reluctance of the United States to foot its bills could shut down the organization within weeks.

"We now face a new irony. At the very time when the pursuit of peace quickens its pace throughout the United Nations, bankruptcy threatens to close the organization," said Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, on Monday, the day the Peruvian Secretary-General announced the success of his efforts to arrange the Iran-Iraq ceasefire and the hostile powers in south-west Africa accepted a long-standing UN programme for Namibian independence.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar admitted that Monday was his proudest day. Asked about prospects for a Nobel Prize, he said he thought the organization, not he, should be nominated.

The United States has been balking at paying its bills for years, but its continuing failure to make good its current \$467 million (£275 million) debt threatens to hobble the organization just at the moment that the expected expansion of its peacekeeping forces requires a hefty input of funds.

The Russians, after years of

refusing contributions to peacekeeping forces, have now paid most of their past debts.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, whose quiet skill and persistence have won the admiration of the great powers,

Back into the field after 10 years

New York — The unarmed United Nations observer force in the Gulf — Unifil — will be the first new peace-keeping operation by the world body since it sent its Unifil contingent into Lebanon in 1978 (Charles Bremner writes).

With the exception of the Korean War, when the West

estimates that the cost of peacekeeping operations could rise from about \$235 million a year now to up to \$2 billion if the true monitoring forces are to be deployed in

Namibia, the Western Sahara and Cambodia, as diplomats

hope, over the next year. The renaissance of the 42-year-old body as a peace broker is a direct result of the rapprochement among the powers of East and West.

Consensus among the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, the United States, China, France and the Soviet Union — strengthens the hand of the Secretary-General to act as a regional problem solver.

Following on from the suc

cesses in Afghanistan and the Gulf, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is due tomorrow to present to Morocco, Algeria and the Polisario Front the details of a plan to establish an interim UN body to administer the Western Sahara until the par-

used UN troops to oppose the communists, UN forces have mainly been taken contingents interposed between, or close to, front lines with the consent of both belligerents. The idea is to make it more difficult to start fighting again. The first such force was sent into Sinai in 1956.

ties can agree on a referendum to determine the future of the former Spanish colony, the scene of a guerrilla war for 13 years.

In two weeks' time the Secretary-General will convene in Geneva a new round of negotiations with the leaders of the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus in a renewed effort to end the effective partition of the island. The same week he will open the direct peace negotiations between Iran and Iraq.

The UN is also expected to play a role supervising the installation of a new Government in Cambodia after the Vietnamese withdrawal.

No one imagines the United Nations has become an initiating force in the world, the

global policeman dreamed of by some of its more idealistic founders.

Background consent from Moscow, Washington and Peking remains essential. The limits to the consensus were shown in the Security Council's failure to agree on sanctions against Iran in the year before Tehran accepted its ceasefire resolution. But there is a new appreciation of the UN as both neutral mediator and a mechanism for saving the face of the losing side.

With Mr Gorbachev banking on the UN as a factor in Moscow's new-style foreign policy, Western diplomats are dismayed at Washington's continuing reluctance to hand over its dues and show more commitment.

The White House has been blaming Congress for making payment conditional on UN reform, but most of these conditions have now been met. For example, the Russians recently announced that their nationals will be allowed to pursue lifetime UN careers as international civil servants. Washington had long objected to the number of short-term Soviet bloc employees on the UN staff.

Critics suspect that the Administration's distrust of the world body and the fact of an election year make it unlikely that the US will pay up in the coming months.

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British appeal for flood victims

Britain's leading aid agencies last night began a national appeal for at least 800,000 people made homeless by the flooding in Sudan (Andrew McEwen and Andrew Buckoke write). The Disaster Emergency Committee, consisting of the six biggest aid charities, called for large-scale public help as more evidence emerged of the flooding.

Oxford's representative in Khartoum, Mr Mark Duffield, reported by radio telephone that there was an urgent need for plastic sheeting, tents, blankets and rubber water tanks. Most of the 800,000 saw their makeshift homes in shanty towns around Khartoum swept away during the torrential rains last Thursday and Friday.

Soviet amnesty call

Moscow — An official Soviet commission has called for an amnesty for the 200 religious prisoners in the Soviet Union to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Russia. Tass reported yesterday (A Correspondent writes).

It said a commission under the Soviet Committee for European Security and Co-operation had petitioned the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to release religious prisoners convicted under Articles 142 and 227 of the penal code. Article 142 covers the "violation of the separation of Church and state, and of schools and Church", while the second refers to "harming the person or his rights by the performing of religious ceremonies".

Refugees 'were eaten'

Manila (Reuters) — Vietnamese refugees have told rescue workers in the Philippines that some of them killed and ate fellow passengers during a 37-day sea voyage. More than half the passengers died during the voyage.

A UN High Commissioner for Refugees representative reported some of the 52 survivors as saying that three refugees, including a boy aged 11, were murdered and eaten, as were two who had starved to death. "Some say everybody took part," Mr Robert Cooper said. But there were "many accounts of what happened". Mr Cooper, who interviewed many of the survivors, said that local officials would decide whether to prosecute.

Malay plea rejected

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) — Malaysia's Supreme Court yesterday upheld a lower court ruling which declared illegal the old ruling party of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed, left. The appeal was brought by 11 rival politicians in the old United Malay National Organisation.

The 11 were excluded from Dr Mahathir's new ruling party, formed hastily after the illegality ruling and the appeal was interpreted as a bid to challenge Dr Mahathir's formation of a party and leadership of it.

Holiday killing denied

Arenas de Mar, Spain (Reuters) — A part-time Spanish policeman suspected of raping and murdering a 19-year-old British tourist, Rachel Hill, told a judge yesterday that he spent the evening with her but knew nothing about the killing, his lawyer said. The policeman, Señor Pedro Girona Rodríguez, aged 28, was remanded in custody to Barcelona jail. A post-mortem examination has been ordered.

Police said that Miss Hill, from Cheltenham, near Derby, was on a package tour holiday in Calella on the Catalan coast when she was reported missing last Thursday. Her body was found in woods 12 miles away on Sunday. Señor Girona Rodríguez, who also worked as a photographer, surrendered to the police after waiters reported seeing him with the girl.

Rebels rain down rockets in battle to take Kandahar

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Muslim rebels in Afghanistan have pressed an offensive against the strategic southern city of Kandahar after the withdrawal of Soviet troops last weekend, the Soviet military daily *Krasnaya Zvezda*, reported yesterday.

"It would be too early to say that Kandahar has ceased to be a hot spot," the newspaper said, reporting that rockets fired by the rebels fell on residential areas of the city "night and day". A total of 17,000 rebels were reported to be concentrated in the area.

Heavy fighting has been going on in the city since last week. Resistance sources in the Pakistani border town of Quetta said that 18 Soviet soldiers were killed one week ago during the Soviet Army's first attempt to pull out of Kandahar.

Tass reported that the Soviet contingent of some 7,000 men ended its evacuation of Kandahar on Sunday, completing the Soviet withdrawal from southern Afghanistan. The city had been under siege for many months prior to the Soviet withdrawal.

Krasnaya Zvezda denounced the "hostile propaganda" of Western media, saying they had "issued distorted reports of the outcome of the fighting".

Mr Ahmed Nabi, the local Communist Party official and

a secretary of the Kandahar provincial committee, told the newspaper that the foreign media were "trying to circulate most absurd inventions that Kandahar is now a 'non-existent' city, that after the pull-out of the Soviet troops power has been 'automatically' captured by the opposition".

The paper said that Afghan army units and local militias had "again routed armed opposition detachments" which were trying to block the city and capture Arghandab district.

Colonel Shamsuddin of the Afghan Army said that, while 300 rebel groups — or 17,000 people — had gathered around the city, only 3,000 to 5,000 rebels were taking part in the fighting.

With the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the region, the government forces were "ready to give a fitting rebuff to the rebels", even though they understood that "difficulties are ahead," he said.

Some 50,000 soldiers, or a half of the total Soviet contingent in Afghanistan, are due to have withdrawn by next Monday. The first 500 soldiers to leave Kabul, the Afghan capital, departed on Monday.

Krasnaya Zvezda renewed Soviet accusations that Pakistani forces were continuing to aid the rebels.

Bush's coatless macho act carries no conviction

From Christopher Thomas
New Orleans

Vice-President George Bush, the consummate Yale aristocrat, sat stiffly at a battered old table with a gang of sweaty construction workers, delicately eating lunch out of a brown paper bag. It might have been the first turkey sandwich of his life.

Two dozen cameramen crowded up to the rope set up by security men 15 ft away, recording the strained small talk as this awkward, decent man tried his hand at the common touch. He looked utterly ridiculous. No matter that he actually peeled off his jacket: he simply could not shed himself of what he is.

The workers guffawed afterwards at his dainty gestures and dandy ways. The aroma of privilege and class were all about him. He was uncomfortable; they were uncomfortable.

It was a disastrous experiment, small in itself but symptomatic of the personality problem that dogs him as he plunges ever deeper in the

opinion polls. Mr Bush came to New Orleans to address the Republican platform committee, seizing the occasion to crank up the political rhetoric in the hope of giving life to his public performance.

The applause was generally weak and polite. The speech was a good one, and President Reagan would have made it echo across the country. Mr Bush, in his steady monotone, strangled it.

Almost anybody who has known the Vice-President for a long time says he is a thoroughly honest, decent man. Senior members of the press corps who have observed both him and Governor Michael Dukakis over the years say emphatically that Mr Bush is by far the nicer, warmer guy, with a deep reservoir of personal integrity.

He knows he is a terrible communicator. "Can't act," he said disconsolately when asked about his poor public persona. "Just have to be me. Can't be as good as Ronald Reagan on conviction. There's no

body like him at conveying what it is like to feel patriotism and love of country. Can't imitate the President."

Mr Bush's campaign managers are going to extreme, almost embarrassing, lengths to humanize him. The Vice-President spent the

weekend at his million-dollar sea-front home in Kennebunkport, Maine — inherited from his family — playing with his grandchildren for a television commercial.

Little Ellie, the youngest, obediently flew into his arms 10 times until the camera crew were satisfied. "These commercials show who I really am and where I have been in my life," he said defensively. "They are not fake. They are real. I hope you realize that." Then came his

encounter with his red-white-and-blue speedboat, a throbbing monster that he sent smashing through the waves off the shore of his home with a bunch of gasping reporters clinging on in the rear. It was his answer to their "wimp" stories.

He stopped and threw a line into the water. "Those blue fish are dead meat," he said, sounding macho. He left Kennebunkport soon after dawn for the long journey on board Air Force Two to New Orleans.

At Belle Chasse Naval Air Station in New Orleans, exactly eight people waited in the warm rain to greet him. He waved as though they were a real crowd. Ten police motorcycle outriders led his 12-vehicle convoy into town.

Inside the unbelievably massive Louisiana Superdome, the site of next week's Republican national convention, the umbilical cord of television cameramen stumbled with him into the room where dozens of young people were squatting on the floor, producing thou-

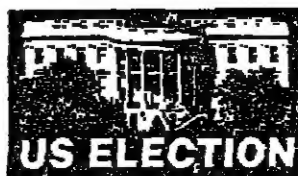
sands of hand-painted posters. Having quickly handed his jacket to an aide, he ventured into the awning interior of the Superdome, where a hundred workmen were completing preparations.

He looked up at the main platform, from which he will deliver perhaps the most important speech of his political career. It must outshine Mr Dukakis's performance at the Democratic national convention the other week. It must get good ratings. It must define George Bush. It must lay out the Republican agenda in precise terms.

He looked away suddenly and said down for lunch with some of the workmen. Secret Service men buzzed around, chattering into invisible microphones. As he left he handed out souvenir tiepins and brochures.

"One of these and 75 cents will get you a nice cup of coffee," he said over and over again, smiling that crooked smile of his.

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North Korea clears the way for direct dialogue with Seoul

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

North Korea has agreed to preparatory talks with South Korea next week, aimed at reducing tensions on the divided peninsula before the Seoul Olympics.

The proposed meeting at Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone between the two countries, would pave the way for a joint session of their Parliaments to discuss prospects for a non-aggression pact, and North Korean participation in the Games next month.

If the conference takes place it will be the first direct, official contact between the mutually hostile states for more than two years. North Korea severed the last links, between Red Cross officials, in early 1986 in protest against US-South Korean military exercises.

Its accord to renew the dialogue came in a letter yesterday from Mr Yang Hyong Sop, a senior official of its Supreme People's Assembly, to Mr Kim Chae Sun, Speaker of South Korea's National Assembly. Responding to a proposal from Seoul earlier this month, he suggested that between three and five delegates from each side meet at Panmunjom on August 17. They would prepare for a full session of the two Parliaments in either Pyongyang or Seoul at a later date.

South Korean officials said Mr Kim would reply today, after consulting the deputy speakers and policy committee chairmen. Parliamentary sources said it was likely they would accept the North's offer.

The cautious moves to defuse mounting tensions follow a flurry of written exchanges in recent weeks, apparently encouraged by discreet diplomatic activity between the United States, the Soviet

Union and China. They have been given a sense of urgency by students in the South, who have been agitating for an end to the deadlock.

Ironically, the students' violent campaign may yet sabotage the tentative rapprochement. They are planning to stage a march to Panmunjom on August 15, two days before the legislators' conference, to meet a student delegation from Pyongyang.

The Government has banned the gathering, on the

ground that any such reunion should be organized through official channels, and clashes between militant students and the security forces are anticipated. A similar attempt by thousands of students to penetrate the demilitarized zone on June 10 provoked widespread violence.

Even if the talks do take place, analysts do not expect any real breakthrough before the Olympics. A senior Western diplomat said he did not believe Pyongyang's attitudes had changed towards South Korea and its hosting of the Games.

"It looks more like they're fishing in troubled waters in the South, and manoeuvring for international propaganda purposes. Also they may be responding to internal requirements, to persuade their

own people they're earnestly pursuing the goal of reunifying Korea," he said.

In particular, the proposal for a non-aggression pact is viewed with profound mistrust in Seoul. In the past, Pyongyang has mooted such an accord as a step towards the withdrawal of more than 40,000 US troops from the South. Seoul is in no hurry to dispense with its American military support and has consistently refused to link the two issues.

In addition, South Korea's immediate priority is to enhance its prestige by successfully staging the Olympics, and it is unlikely to risk a peace initiative with the unpredictable regime in Pyongyang until the Games are safely over on October 2.

The diplomat concluded: "Assuming the two sides stick to their established positions, I don't think they will make much progress. But the mere fact that such talks are taking place may have a beneficial effect, not least in reassuring the international community that the situation is not as bad as it appears."

Meanwhile, the South Korean Government is introducing new measures to prevent rebellious students from disrupting the Games. Official sources said Seoul has approved plans for a network of "Olympic peace zones" in which political rallies will be banned for 70 days from August 23 to October 31.

The zones will encompass competition sites, tourist hotels and related facilities in Seoul and four provincial cities, as well as villages within half a mile of the Olympic torch route. They were drawn up in accordance with a special law to maintain Olympic peace, promulgated last Friday.

Anti-riot squads kill 36 in Burma

Bangkok (Reuters) - Security forces shot dead 36 people in fierce clashes with anti-government demonstrators across Burma yesterday, Rangoon radio reported.

The broadcast said that five died when troops opened fire in the Burmese capital, Rangoon, as hundreds of thousands of demonstrators surged through the streets calling for an end to 26 years of repression. An 8pm to 4am curfew had been imposed on Rangoon and gatherings of more than five people were banned, the radio said.

Thirty-one were killed when the police fired on a crowd of 5,000 who attacked a police station in Sagan, 300 miles north of the capital.

Earlier, Western diplomats in Rangoon had said that at least 13 people had been killed in Rangoon. They said their estimates were based on witnesses who saw security forces break up rallies by hundreds of thousands of people.

Some estimates put the dead at more than 50 after the authorities, acting under martial law, went on the offensive late on Monday night after tolerating demonstrations during the day.

Doctors at one hospital reported at least four dead, and troops attacked protesting students barricaded inside two high schools, one enemy said.

Diplomats said the demonstrators were highly disciplined, calling for the release of Aung Gyi, Burma's best known dissident, and the replacement of single-party rule by democracy.

"The shooting was all one-way", one diplomat said. "Hundreds of people were arrested and put into dozens of trucks. I saw one body of a demonstrator being paraded by other demonstrators."

The envoys said that Monday's and yesterday's flood of people on to the streets of the capital was the biggest and boldest show of resistance in the country in living memory.

"Rangoon is closed and paralysed," another diplomat source said. Many embassies kept their staff at home, offices and shops were closed, prices rose and there were shortages. The Govern-



Demonstrators in Rangoon kissing soldiers' feet as they plead with them to join in protests.

ment ordered all Burma's schools to be closed.

Gunfire was reported all over the city yesterday and diplomats said that by late afternoon the security forces had not totally dispersed crowds of protesters who included people of all ages and

from all walks of life. Martial law has been in effect in Rangoon since last Wednesday, with troops replacing the hated Lon Htein riot police on the streets.

In Mandalay, residents said that about 10,000 people had demonstrated, and that two

people were reported killed there on Monday.

The student-led demonstrations are the climax of six months of social and political turmoil in the country, ruled by the Burma Socialist Programme Party since a military coup in 1962.

Factory strikes in China on increase

Peking (Reuters) - Strikes are increasing as workers and managers argue over economic reforms, a senior trade union official said yesterday.

Forty-nine strikes were reported to the Federation of Trade Unions from January to June, but more certainly took place, Mr Chen Ji, a deputy director, said.

"We do not support the use of strikes to resolve disputes but we will not give up this right as a last resort to combat bureaucracy," he said.

Nephew jailed
Nairobi (AFP) - Andrew Kibathi Muigai, nephew of the late President Kenyatta of Kenya, was jailed for six years for belonging to the clandestine group Mwakanya.

Boat tragedy
Dhaka - At least 15 people died when a boat carrying a bridal party sank in Bangladesh's Brahmaputra river.

Gas deaths
Cedar City, Utah (AP) - Four young adults whose bodies were found in a tiny dental storage room died from asphyxiation after inhaling nitrous oxide, known as laughing gas, authorities said.

Typhoon toll
Peking (Reuters) - A typhoon in east China killed 92 people, seriously injured 468 and left 71 missing. In central China 38 people died of heat stroke.

Relaxing fall
Darwin (Reuters) - A skydiver, who survived a plunge of more than two miles after his two parachutes failed to open, said he saved his life by relaxing during the fall.

Cushy number
Tokyo (AFP) - A Japanese firm is to sell cushions with stereo speakers that will enable music lovers to pulsate in an armchair.

Timetable for Cuban pull-out vital piece in jigsaw of Angolan peace settlement

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The fate of the search for a permanent settlement of the conflict in south-western Africa, a hunt which has progressed in recent weeks at a pace that a few months ago would have been considered too good to be true, will in all probability be determined between now and September 1.

By that date not only must the remaining South African troops inside Angola be withdrawn - estimates of their number range from as low as 600 to as high as several thousands - but Luanda, Havana and Pretoria must also agree on a timetable for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

The timetable, the most important missing piece in the complex jigsaw puzzle that gets a little closer to completion at each succeeding round of talks, will be the main subject on the agenda when senior officials of the three governments meet again, with the United States as mediator, in the week of August 22 at a venue still to be announced.

If those talks fail, all the progress made so far could rapidly unravel. If they succeed, all parties could find themselves locked into a settlement process that would open the way to a solution of the other crucial outstanding questions, such as the future of the seven African National Congress guerrilla training camps in Angola and the hitherto South African-backed Angolan rebel movement, Unita.

It is remarkable that Pretoria has come this far. General Magnus Malan and the military establishment are extremely uneasy.

Informed sources here said yesterday that when the State Security Council met on Monday, with President Botha in

the chair, to consider the agreements reached in talks at the level of senior officials in Geneva the previous week, it was at times "touch and go" whether South Africa would approve them.

This is why the timetable for a Cuban withdrawal is so crucial. If the countdown to independence for Pretoria-controlled Namibia begins on November 1 in accordance with United Nations Resolution 435, as is now the plan, South African troops in Namibia will be restricted to base from that date and reduced to no more than 1,500 men by next January.

Viewed through the eyes of the military men in Pretoria, this would leave South Africa powerless to come to the aid of the Unita forces of its Angolan protégé, Dr Jonas Savimbi, should the Soviet-supplied Angolan Army and the Cubans take advantage of the situation to try to deal the

rebels the knock-out blow which South African intervention averted in the second half of last year.

Hence Pretoria's insistence that the Cubans must leave as soon as possible. In Geneva, South Africa proposed that all Cuban soldiers should have left by June 1, the date when elections would be held in Namibia under 435. The Cubans, however, were then still talking of a withdrawal over two years (a reduction from the four years they had earlier proposed).

For Luanda, the longer the Cubans stay the better its chances of prevailing over the unprotected Unita forces and avoiding the humiliation of having to accept the rebels into a coalition government (as Pretoria would like).

It is the Cubans who have kept Unita out of large areas of Angola, and most military experts believe that the Angolan Army is simply not yet

sufficiently well-trained or well-equipped to take over the Cubans' role.

Significantly, Unita has said publicly that it does not intend to abide by the ceasefire that Angola, Cuba and South Africa have been observing since Monday.

Pretoria is unlikely to accept any substantial Cuban troop presence in Angola beyond June 1 of next year. It will also want assurances that during their withdrawal the Cubans will be redeployed to the north of Angola and well away from the south-eastern base areas of Unita.

It will look to the US, which has supplied weapons to Unita and is well-disposed to draw up a constitution for the territory that would contain no safeguards whatever for the 70,000 whites in Namibia's total population of 1.2 million.

All in all, therefore, it would be premature to start getting the independence bunting out in Windhoek. The Cubans are not the only issue over which Pretoria could still find pretexts for stalling.

It could raise the old *canard* about UN impartiality, and also insist on prior assurances that the international community will take over South African subsidies to the Namibian budget and its role as guarantor of loans taken out by the local administration.

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union yesterday welcomed the Geneva agreement providing for an Angolan and Namibian settlement.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Moscow was prepared to do "all that depends on it for the successful process of the talks and of the settlement process in general". He renewed a Kremlin offer to act as a guarantor of the pact.

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Human rights in India

Amnesty alleges torture and killings by security forces

By Michael Hamlyn, South Asia Correspondent

Fierce criticism of human rights violations in India is made by Amnesty International in a report published today.

The report attacks the Indian Government for betraying the duty enshrined in its Constitution to protect basic liberties, a duty reinforced by India's signature to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Amnesty, a London-based international organization, reports allegations of unlawful killings, which go uninvestigated and unpunished, the widespread use of torture by the security forces and the police, and arbitrary arrest and prolonged detention resulting from the removal of crucial legal safeguards in security legislation.

Some of the main concerns arise, the organization says, in the context of measures taken to counter the violent activities of armed groups opposing the Government, especially in Punjab, where secessionist Sikhs have been carrying on a six-year campaign of terror. The Sikh terrorists killed 882 civilians and 97 police in 1987, according to official figures. The death toll this year is already over 1,500.

The armoury of special legislation to deal with this insurgency comes under heavy attack by Amnesty.

In particular, the group attacks the National Security Act, amended last year to include more stringent provisions on detention without trial; the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, which was also strengthened last year and which now allows as admissible confessions made to the police; the testimony of un-

identified witnesses; and in camera trials. Also criticized is the Act's shifting of the burden of proof to the accused in certain circumstances.

The report draws attention to the plight of a group of Sikh detainees, originally 366 strong, still being held in Jodhpur jail in Rajasthan.

They were arrested in 1984 in the Golden Temple of Amritsar during its military seizure, and many are alleged to have been innocent pilgrims or temple employees. Now they have been charged with waging war and are to be tried under circumstances where

witnesses' identities may be kept secret and where they will have to prove their innocence. Charges have been dropped against 45 of them.

The 59th Amendment to the Constitution, passed earlier this year despite bitter complaints by the opposition parties, allows the suspension of all human rights in Punjab if an emergency is declared.

The rights suspended will include the right to life, and Amnesty points out that in theory the security forces would be entitled to shoot anyone at will.

Amnesty says that the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is unambiguous on the point that, even if an emergency is de-

clared, no government has the right to suspend the right to life of its citizens.

The report quotes a number of allegations of torture by police, not only in Punjab but in other parts of India.

Torture of members of communist militant groups in Andhra Pradesh and in Tamil Nadu have been the subject of complaints by civil liberties groups in the south of India, and there have been similar complaints from the northeast, where there has been a long-running insurgency. The rape of tribal and low-caste women by police, who are rarely prosecuted successfully, also comes in for criticism.

Amnesty quotes "dozens of reports" from all over India that arrested people have died under torture and cites allegations that political activists and their suspected helpers have been killed by police, paramilitary forces and the armed forces.

The report refers to a specific incident in Meerut last year when the local, mainly Hindu, Provincial Armed Constabulary rampaged through a Muslim district, killing unarmed men, women and children. The report also cites a number of specific allegations of torture and killing by the Indian armed forces in Sri Lanka.

Among other recommendations, Amnesty calls on Delhi to review its security legislation to ensure that it cannot be used to detain innocent people or to legitimate political dissent.

It suggests that the Government should revoke those parts of the 59th Amendment which could permit arbitrary detention and arbitrary shooting in Punjab.



Señor Borja: To restore links with Nicaraguan regime.

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Distinct elements of farce are threatening the inauguration of Señor Rodrigo Borja as President of Ecuador in Quito today as a result of a defiant outgoing incumbent and United States prickliness over a transition that undoubtedly represents a political shift from right to left.

Among Latin American leaders, Presidents Ortega of Nicaragua and Castro of Cuba are due to attend the inauguration. This has aroused the displeasure of the US, which will be represented by the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz. However, Señor Ortega and Mr Shultz may both end up on the outside looking in.

Señor Borja, a social democrat, is succeeding Señor León Febres Cordero, a short-fused right-winger who has been hailed by President

Reagan as "a model leader for Latin America" and variously lampooned by President Ortega as "a buffoon" and "a stooge of the United States".

It has to be said that it is the latter view that predominates in Ecuador (population, 10 million) as the hugely unpopular incumbent grudgingly makes his exit after four stormy and economically calamitous years. Even in his final hours, however, he does not intend to go quietly.

In his first presidential act after being sworn in, Señor Borja will correct an aberration in Ecuador's foreign policy by restoring diplomatic relations with Nicaragua. They were severed in 1985 by his predecessor.

The trouble is that Señor Borja will not officially resume power until taking the oath of office in Congress this evening. Until then

Señor Febres Cordero continues as President and, never a man to bury the hatchet, he says no plane with the Nicaraguan leader on board will be allowed to land at Quito international airport. "Ortega will never set foot in Ecuador while I am still President," he vows.

Meanwhile, Mr Shultz's advisers are reportedly counselling him to boycott the inauguration in protest at an "offensive" mural by Ecuador's famous artist, Oswaldo Guayasamin, which portrays the Central Intelligence Agency as a sinister, destabilizing force in Ecuadorian politics.

That US-Ecuadorian relations are in for a change after the cosy rapport since 1984 was underlined when Señor Borja cut short a meeting with the US Ambassador, Mr Richard N. Holwell after only 15 minutes, apparently piqued by

the diplomat's high-handedness in lecturing a sovereign country on how to run its affairs. In particular, Mr Holwell, who left in a huff, sought to warn him of the dangers of Ecuador following the radical path of its neighbour, Peru, under the somewhat demagogic President Garcia.

The irony is that such controversy should surround the inauguration of a man who is a pragmatist and whose long political career has never been unduly tainted by anti-Americanism. He is a vice-president of Socialist International and, an aide emphasizes, "feels much more comfortable with European Social Democrats".

A mere stroke of the pen will restore diplomatic relations with Nicaragua, and Señor Borja can be forgiven for wishing he could then wave a magic wand to similarly expunge, domestic economic an-

omalies of nightmarish dimensions which are the other legacy of the outgoing Social Christian Party administration.

"I do not promise miracles" was the recurring theme of Señor Borja's campaign speeches. Yet Ecuador badly needs one today. The foreign debt of \$10,000 million (£5,900 million) is one of the highest per capita in Latin America, and Quito has defaulted on interest payments of \$2,000 million. The fiscal deficit stands at \$400 million.

Inflation is estimated at 40 to 60 per cent, unemployment at up to 40 per cent. The sucre has collapsed from 150 to 540 to the dollar.

This economic disaster area is universally blamed on Señor Febres Cordero, who became a favourite of President Reagan, not only because of his hostility to-

wards Nicaragua but also because he unleashed Reaganomics with a vengeance in his own small and poor corner of South America.

Señor Borja has understandably so far been unspecific on how he will deal with the economy, except predecessor's philosophy that the state enterprise is a mere servant of private enterprise. Although no nationalization is expected, the new Government will take a much more active role in the economy.

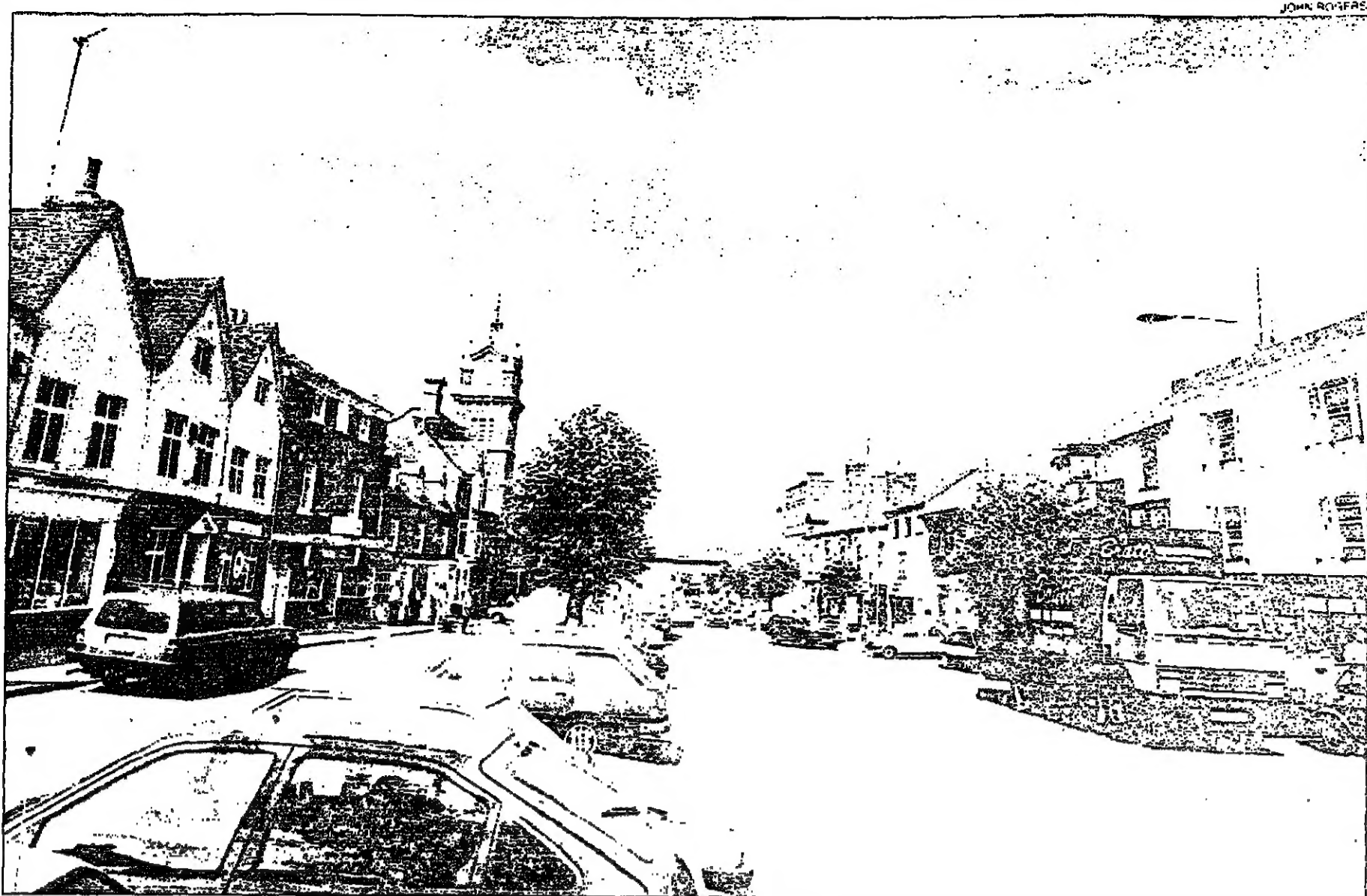
In foreign policy, Señor Borja is expected to take Ecuador into the Contadora Group and to be active in the Non-Aligned Movement. His Foreign Minister will be Señor Diego Cordero, who joined the Government from the United Nations, where he is praised for his leading to Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

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'The drowsy town of Hungerford looks as it used to, before the ladies from the coffee mornings discovered how arbitrarily a Kalashnikov kills'

On August 19 last year Michael Ryan stalked a quiet Berkshire town with an assault rifle, leaving 16 people dead and dying. Brian James went back and discovered a community that may have been robbed of its right to grieve



Deceptive calm: the High Street in Hungerford seems to be at peace, but underneath there are scars on the typically British community that have not had an opportunity to heal

The walking wounded of Michael Ryan's rampage, those pierced in the emotions as well as those shattered in the limb, will evacuate Hungerford during the anniversary next week. Some relatives of those shot dead have already taken their families on holiday; many others may combine on a coach outing for the day. It is not that they want to be together, rather that they want to be away.

Away from the prying of the media. Away from the curiosity of gawpers trying to find bullet holes in walls, of whom there have been many. Away from possible visits of deranged young men dressed like Rambo for whom Ryan holds a dangerous symbolism, and of whom there have already been a few. Away even from the concern of their friends.

Hungerford looks now as it did that day, a drowsy High Street leading up from the canal, filled with ladies from the choir swapping details of how much they made from last week's coffee-morning. But they are marked by the day they learned to know the sound of a Kalashnikov. And discovered how easily and arbitrarily it kills.

Hungerford has put on a brave face since August 19 last year when its streets, in the words of a police witness, "reeked of cordite". But making itself cope with grief is not at all the same thing as dealing with it. Hungerford may still have its crying to do over its 16 dead before the healing is truly begun.

Two men who have stood close to the heart of the town share that doubt. The vicar of the parish church of St Lawrence's, the Rev David Salt, observes: "Like a wounded animal, the bereaved need to be able to slink away to some dark place. This is something that has never been possible for some of our bereaved." David Wilcox, an assistant producer at BBC Television who has spent much of the past year gaining the confidence of the bereaved, says: "I studied for the priesthood before joining TV. I knew all the standard theories about dealing with grief... the various stages of anger, despair, self-blame and so on. In Hungerford these stages simply did not match up. They began and did not develop. Or abruptly ended."

"I think the attention the town has had is the cause of this. Hungerford became skilled at

putting on a brave front. It is doing so again as it gets ready for the anniversary. It is saying, 'Look, we are OK. There is nothing here to find.' But I feel a lot is hidden deep. All the standard works on grief talk of the importance of anniversaries and milestones - going to the grave on the birthday, and so on. We are robbing them of that."

For a television producer and a newspaper journalist to discuss media intervention is risking a clog-dance on eggshells to an accompanying chorus of derision. The balance between the obligation to inform and sheer intrusion is ever uneasy; in Hungerford it often went wildly wrong.

Yet the media served some purpose. "Hungerford needed something to hate," Wilcox says. "Ryan killing himself robbed them of the obvious target. Some were upset about the police. But the police were at least their police, insiders. So the lads who would have formed a lynch mob instead thumped photographers and sound-men."

Salt agrees. "We had no scapegoat. It is not even that Ryan was an outsider, some Rambo come in from London or Liverpool. Then Hungerford could have blamed

those cities. But he was one of our own. Some in this community even feel some responsibility for what we let this secretive and friendly lad become."

The cliché, of course, is that the closeness of a small isolated town made it easier to pull together for mutual support. "Yes," Salt says. "Many times people would meet those who had a loved one shot dead. And they would hug on the street and have a cry." But the bereaved had reported times, too, when people they knew would cross to the other side of High Street. What you lost by living in Hungerford was the sometimes precious gift to the grieving of anonymity.

Hungerford is a very British town, and met its ordeal in a very British way. This nation is not good at expressing loss, not for us the wailing, the tearing of clothes, the beating of breasts we observe with wry disdain in foreign lands. "That is absolutely true," Salt agrees. "Hungerford was all about stuff up lips, showing no weakness, being at least as brave as everyone else who had lost."

Nor, he says, should casualties be seen to be limited to those who

had a relative killed, or the 13 injured, by Ryan's guns. "For many hours, this whole town was in a state of shock. Everyone who had not got everyone he loved in his sight went through the torture of not knowing. Men racing home from work were held outside the town - told only that there were bodies lying everywhere. And no one had a list."

Something of all this can be seen in a forthcoming *Everyman* programme on BBC1 which investigates the nature of grief and the process of healing. Without commentary, it uses the words of those involved to capture the ordinariness of that day in an uneventful town drowsing beside its river. "Me Dad went out the back to create the fence so it would dry before the kids came home. Ryan shot him. Then me Mum went to see, and he shot her." "I heard all this banging. I thought it was children making a noise in the street again. So I went out and told him stop making that noise. He shot me."

The small details of the horror are recalled. The wife who is told not to look as the car takes her from her home, but at the end of her street she sees the black body bag which contains her husband.

The TV film showing the taxi-driver Ryan shot down focuses on the dead man's limp hand; his widow awakes still from nightmares seeing that hand.

It gives glimpses of the knock-on disorders of Hungerford life. There were stars instead of the usual angels in the church Christmas play: "Everyone knows angels are dead people, and no one wants to be dead in Hungerford," says a child's voice.

Fear remains. One child stayed convinced that Ryan was still alive and "one day will jump out on me". More realistic fear haunts the woman who says Ryan was made a "star" and "one day some lad with guns will flip his lid, try to out-do Ryan, go one better."

There is guilt. From the woman who found herself making a list of names of those she knew who more deserved to die than her husband.

Hungerford has not been short of help. Apart from the town's clergy and their teams, the social services had 80 workers involved in counselling; many worked 14 hours a day, "subsisting on WVS sandwiches and cigarettes" at first, and their special office did not stop operating until Easter.

David Salt wonders now whether too much help was given. "In a sense, we were goaded into always being at their side. Not a week seemed to go past without some reminder. The inquest. The bravery awards. The gun law debate. Every time, more shots of Hungerford, pictures of Ryan on the TV, more calls from reporters asking, 'What does Hungerford feel?' You knew these would be fresh knocks for them... you were compelled to be on hand."

"But we may have swamped them, been too supportive. There comes a time when they must be left on their own, to cry or howl out their loss, and then to sit down and see where they are, find a shape for the rest of their lives now with the gaps that have been made. Has our help, in the end, been no help?"

Left unspent, grief is a currency which can accumulate inexorable interest: you cry now or scream later. Hungerford, so determined to be brave and British, deserves now to be spared certainly our curiosity. And also, for a while, our caring.

© *Everyman's* one-hour special, "A Place Like Hungerford", is on BBC1 on Sunday at 10.30pm.

With a little help from his friends?

The American author who immortalized Elvis Presley as a pill-popping pervert has split John Lennon's associates

All over the Western world this week, from Liverpool to Los Angeles, former friends and associates of the late John Lennon are dividing themselves into two camps: those who talked to Albert Goldman, and those who did not.

Goldman is the American author whose forthcoming book, *The Lives of John Lennon*, is receiving massive

publicity this week as a result of its partial serialization in the *Daily Mail*. Connoisseurs of showbiz biography vividly remember the job Goldman did seven years ago on Elvis Presley, in a fat volume which scornfully portrayed the one-time King of Rock 'n' Roll as a pill-popping pervert who lay in bed all day attempting to stave off complete physical and mental breakdown.

It was while Elvis was still on the best-seller lists that Goldman's interest in Lennon became known. Tremors of foreboding quickly spread among the former Beatle's intimates, who quickly visualized what the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University might make of Lennon's experiments with LSD and heroin, his violent streak

and his sexual adventures. Philip Norman, the English author whose *Shout! The True Story of the Beatles* was published in 1981, set the tone: "Albert Goldman is the only author whose works I have physically destroyed," he said. "I dropped his biography of Lennie Bruce into the bath, and I hurled his Presley out of a train window."

Goldman's authorial meth-

od involves deploying teams of researchers to interview anyone who might have had dealings with the subject. The *Daily Mail's* claim that Goldman himself "interviewed 1,200 people during six years of research" may be a bit on the optimistic side, but there is no doubt that the 60-year-old former professor of English at Columbia University spreads his net wide.



Love Me Do: two faces of Lennon and, centre, Albert Goldman

Quite what he catches may be another matter. Those who refused to speak to him or his emissaries included all three fellow former Beatles and both Lennon's wives, Cynthia Powell and Yoko Ono. "Cynthia didn't talk to Albert Goldman, even though he pursued her for five years, because of what he said to Presley," her agent said yesterday. "She thinks he's a character assassin."

Of course, minor figures - such as the New York neighbour, the former Liverpool pop singer and the "straw boy" who appear from a reading of yesterday's *Mail* to be among Goldman's sources - can provide recollections as illuminating as those of international stars. On the other hand, the bit-part players may be less than anxious to play down their own roles.

One early friend of Lennon who changed his mind about

participating was Joe Flannery, who was invited for a drink by a local journalist. "I thought I was being interviewed for a Liverpool paper," he says. "Then, when the questions started getting deeper, I found out what was going on. I told him that if he was trying to scrape the bottom of the barrel, he was talking to the wrong man. I walked out."

Yesterday's first instalment of the publishing sensation of 1988 certainly tended to confirm Flannery's suspicions. In typically baroque prose, Goldman characterized Lennon as, yes, a pill-popping pervert who lay in bed all day attempting to stave off complete physical and mental breakdown.

In Lennon's final years, he learned, he turned into a Howard Hughes-like figure, bath-

ing a dozen times a day. He avoided physical contact. His eyes were failing - to such a degree that he failed to notice Yoko Ono's \$5,000-a-week heroin habit. He kept a collection of pornographic books close to her Shinto shrine.

Some of this has an oddly familiar ring. Sure enough, in a preliminary interview with the *Daily Mail* on Monday, Goldman claimed to have identified "dismaying similarities" between Lennon and Presley. "It makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of rock." Those who are gathering protectively around Lennon's memory this week would argue that on the other hand, it makes one wonder whether there is an archetypal image that is the essence of an Albert Goldman biography.

Richard Williams

SCIENCE REPORT

Tapping into the healing system

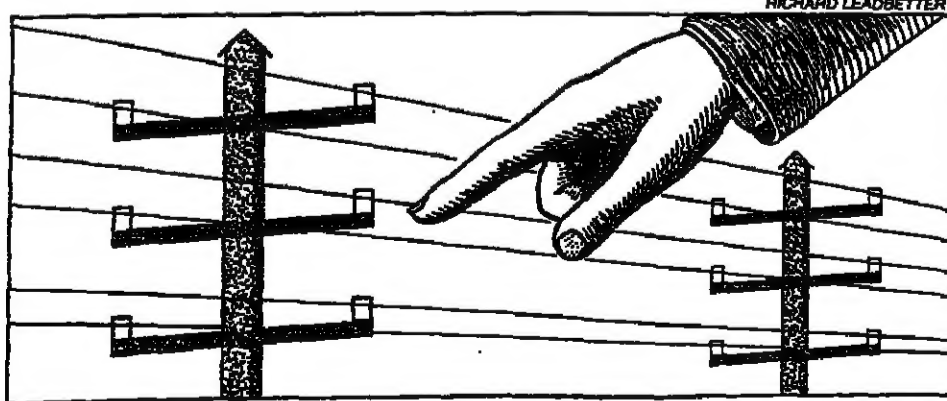
A healing cut may not appear from the outside to be buzzing with activity, but underneath the bandage an elaborate choreographed sequence is unfolding: skin cells are dividing, new blood vessels are forming, specialized cells are producing the substance that makes skin elastic, and scavenger cells are gobbling up bacterial invaders and cellular debris.

By plucking single cells from a wound and reading the chemical messages they are sending out, a group of Californian scientists has begun to understand how this choreography is directed.

They have found the key to the miracle of co-ordination which transforms a raw wound in a matter of a couple of days back into smooth, unbroken skin in a couple of days.

The researchers, from the University of California and the Cetus Corporation, a US biotechnology company, report their results in the latest issue of the *US Journal of Science*.

To read an individual cell's messages required a triumph of biochemical technology. The scientists used a technique that amplifies several million-fold the genetic material which directs the



production of the chemical signals.

The technique - called the polymerase chain reaction - has already hit the headlines because of its application in forensic medicine, where it has been used to amplify the genetic material found in a single cell, such as that from the root of a hair left at the scene of a crime. Using the technique, it is possible to generate large enough amounts of the genetic material from one cell to identify an individual.

But this is the first time the technique has been used to eavesdrop on the communications between cells in the body. The new research shows that one type of cell of the

immune system, called macrophages, sends out most of the chemical signals which direct the intricate process of wound-healing. Macrophages have long been known to be the front-line soldiers deployed by the immune system to combat infection, but their role in the complex cascade of chemical events that lead to wound healing has been poorly understood. The Californian group has shown which genes are switched "on" in the macrophages found in a cut. They have found that the genes form the blueprint for the production of a protein named transforming growth factor-alpha.

Transforming growth factor-alpha is known to be one of the chemicals secreted by cells of the immune system for communication among themselves and with other cells of the body. When macrophages are grown in cultures in the laboratory, they produce nearly a dozen different chemical signals that may stimulate other cells into action. But researchers have not been certain which of the chemicals is the most important to wound-healing in a living animal.

To find out, the Californian researchers collected fluid from the healing wounds of laboratory mice. From macrophages isolated from the fluid, they purified messenger RNA,

the chemical which reads the blueprint of the genes contained in each cell's nucleus and directs the production of proteins.

A cell is only reading part of its genetic blueprint at any given time, to produce proteins that have worn out or that are needed to grow. Analysing the messenger RNA that is present in a cell tells researchers which types of proteins that particular cell is making.

Before the polymerase chain reaction was devised, researchers were forced to grow large numbers of cells in culture dishes to obtain enough messenger RNA to study which genes were active. But cells in culture often behave unnaturally, and it is impossible to tell whether the proteins they produce in culture are the same ones they would produce in the body.

The new technique makes it possible to detect fewer than 10 molecules in a single cell that has been taken from its natural environment. This capability will allow researchers to interpret the chemical signals involved in many other complex biological systems.

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The Royal National Eisteddfod fields are empty, the tens of thousands of visitors departed. Gone the brass bands, the pop groups, the folk-dancing groups, the solo singers, the scripture reciters, the deep-breathing orators, the solemn Welsh Bards in their druidic nightgowns. Once more the birds tweet-tweet in English over hushed Newport.

Last year this annual moving festival of Welsh-speaking culture took place at Welsh-speaking Fortinacod. But very few in Gwent speak Welsh. Last year, in north Wales, only a couple of hundred simultaneous translation radio-receivers (supplied by HTV) were required. This year they were needed in their thousands. They are trying their very best to be Welsh. Welsh-speaking actor Meredith Edwards somewhat patronizingly commented. Well, there hadn't been a National Eisteddfod in Gwent for 90 years.

Some years ago I attended a local eisteddfod, in English, at Pontypool which was marked by organizational hitches. When it was time to offer the director a vote of thanks he was mildly abused in a very Welsh way. In reply, with utter seriousness, he said to the multitude eying him sadly, "All I can say, by way of excuse, is that I only got my teeth this afternoon."

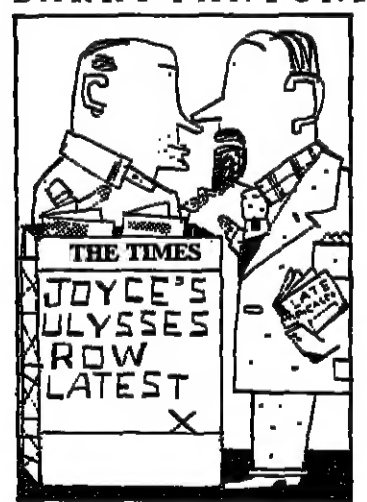
There were even hitches this year at the National Eisteddfod. That Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, should be jostled by members of the Welsh Language Society was predictable; but what about Delyth Hopkin? She was justly furious when a cacophony of heavy rock music floated to the pavilion as she was about to conduct her gifted Glennau Ystwyth choir. The director, Emyr Jenkins, apologized. "We cannot regulate the wind," he said. Most of the time, though, Mr Jenkins was able to smile happily, and his teeth looked lovely.

Delyth Hopkin should complain. What about the 800 passengers on the good ship Waverley that took off from Glamorgan's Penarth pier and sailed towards the sunset behind Weston-super-Mare? They had come for a poetry and jazz concert, not just for the beer. The jazz got lost in that same wind. The poetry fared worse. When it was my turn to read, the funnel hooted. It hooted again during my second poem. During the third the public address system came to life with the captain announcing the future trips of his paddle-steamer in Scottish waters. As I began my fourth and final poem the jazz band cut, out of sight, not realizing it had competition, started off again. Beat that, Delyth Hopkin.

Some useless facts stay in the mind. For instance, someone once told me that quite a few tortoises die of diphtheria. Not much use in conversation that. Again, I read somewhere that Thomas Bowdler is buried in the graveyard of All Saints Church at the Mumbles, Swansea. Yes, that same Bowdler who, in 1818, edited ten volumes of Shakespeare and deleted everything "which cannot, with propriety, be read aloud to the family." So since I happened to be in Swansea and passing the church I thought I would spend a respectable morbid moment or two with old Bowdler.

Along among the lopsided gravestones I searched west, I searched east, north and south but drew a blank. Had I got it wrong? On returning home I consulted Drabble's *Oxford Companion*. No hint of where Bowdler's skeleton lies. Nothing either in the *Oxford Companion to the Literature of Wales*. But eureka, there it was in black and white in my edition of the *Shell Guide to Britain*. So what can have happened to Bowdler's grave?

BARRY FANTONI



"Complaints about the illustrations? I remember a time when you couldn't even see the text"

Welcome to *The New Welsh Review*, Volume 1, No 1 (financially supported by the Welsh Arts Council), now available in the best of the sparse bookshops of Wales. One of the contributors, G.O. Jones, professor of physics and former Director of the National Museum of Wales, relates facts less arcane than that Bowdler lies or used to lie in Mumbles graveyard. Did you know that the word "Welsh" derives from the Saxon and means somebody alien? Or that the very word "British" until the 18th century referred to the Welsh but not to the English or the Scots? Yes, you did know that. Anyway there are other good things in this new, handsomely laid-out magazine. These include an interview with Glyn Jones, a critical article by Don Dale-Jones on A.G. Pry-Jones and the lead piece in the review pages by Sally Roberts Jones. Two of the three patrons, by the way, named on the masthead are Gwyn Jones and Glyn Jones and one of the editorial advisers is named Dai Smith, no less.

Because so many in Wales share the same surname people have always tended to address old friends of two minutes' acquaintance by their Christian names. Yes, the Welsh are a friendly people; especially the women. If you, a stranger, go into a shop you're likely to be asked, "What can I do for you, my love?" or "Be with you in a minute, my son."

Still I was surprised, in Bridgend yesterday, when the ample lady behind the counter, whom I had never seen before in my life, greeted me with a smile and "How are you, my flower?" I didn't wait. Perhaps my dandelion days aren't over after all.

Police officers are not jailers, and police cells are not designed for the accommodation of long-stay prisoners. Yet last year the Metropolitan Police devoted more than one million hours to a job that properly belongs to the members of the prison service, and chief constables of other large forces faced similar unwanted additional burdens.

It is not for the Police Federation to pronounce on the rights or wrongs of an industrial dispute, taking place in another service of vital importance to the maintenance of law and order. Our members serve under the obligation not to take any form of industrial action. They cannot understand why it appears that some employees of the prison service are able to negotiate the decisions of the courts as to the disposal of prisoners in lawful custody. Nor can they understand why this situation has gone on for so long.

Over the past two years an average of more than 500 prisoners a day have been kept in police cells when they should have been in prisons. The number at the start of this year was more than 1,500. Although the problem has eased with the opening of Camberley and Rolleston as temporary prisons, a report from the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders

Alan Eastwood accuses the warders of shirking their responsibility

Get the police out of jail

(Nacro) last week claimed there are still 649 prisoners a day in police cells, which exceeds last year's daily average by 100.

It is not simply the need to lock up prisoners in police cells that provides a major headache for the police; in addition they have the task of finding accommodation all over the country and transporting prisoners to and from. It all adds up to the disruption of normal policing.

There should be more concern for the prisoners themselves. They are pawns in the prison officers' action, even though the POA emphasizes that one of its purposes is to bring about long-term improvements in prison conditions. It cannot be right that in some court cells in London, which are designed to hold prisoners for hours rather than days, remanded persons are "banged up" in conditions that lack natural light, are disgracefully overcrowded, and are denied basic facilities for hygiene and recreation. The fact, that these men (and some women)

are prisoners, in no way lessens society's obligations to provide humane custody conditions.

It is also intolerable that relatives of remanded prisoners should, in many cases, be unaware of their whereabouts and be unable to visit them.

Our members working in the police cells are doing their best to ameliorate the worst hardships, a fact which many prisoners have gone out of their way to acknowledge. But the police too are expected to work in conditions that are grossly offensive and in any other occupation would contravene health and safety regulations.

If the Metropolitan Police has to use the equivalent of 700 police officers to guard and escort remanded or sentenced prisoners, there is an equivalent loss of police manpower on the streets. Should the dispute be intensified, as the POA has threatened, the implications for the ability of the police to provide adequate crime prevention cover are very serious.

Earlier this year a little-noticed amendment to the prison rules went through Parliament which gave the powers and responsibilities of prison officers to members of the armed forces and the police. The Police Federation was not told about this (neither were chief officers) until the rules had been changed.

The Home Office assured us that it was simply a case of tidying up the existing position and that it had decided, as it was necessary to give such powers to the army, to include the police.

We were assured that there was no question of using the police inside prisons to replace prison officers in dispute. But clearly the police will become involved in ensuring public safety if the long-ferred prison "explosion" takes place.

We in the Police Federation are not privy to the Home Office contingency plans which are bound to exist, but from the point of view of rank and file police officers trying to grapple with the remand prisoner mon-

ster, the Home Office approach seems to be to hope for the best and pray that the worst never happens.

It is, after all, more than four years since Leon Brittan, when Home Secretary, confidently predicted that all remand prisoners would be out of police cells by Christmas. So they were, but the problem did not go away. Then we were dealing with fewer than half the number today.

We do understand the difficulties facing the Home Secretary as he decides what to do about the prison dispute, but the present situation cannot be allowed to go on. If it does, it can only get worse.

Other factors apart, the Police Federation is becoming increasingly concerned about the effects on our members. Some of the prisoners with whom they are dealing suffer from infectious diseases. There is a growing risk of officers and police cell inmates contracting some virulent disease such as Hepatitis B. Police officers whose duties

involve the custody of police prisoners (those who have not been charged or are awaiting their first appearance in court) are already facing onerous additional responsibilities in fulfilling the requirements of the codes of practice imposed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. It is an added burden to have to deal with two categories of prisoners in the same place at the same time.

There have been escapes from police cells and assaults on police officers. The potential for serious trouble is obvious. Irrespective of the problem created by the worsening situation inside some prisons, immediate action should be taken to bring about a near total removal of remand prisoners from police cells.

As with the miners' strike and other major emergencies, the police service has never shirked its responsibilities (or failed to shoulder those that rightly belong to others) and I have no doubt that we would respond as expected, if the need arose.

But since it is taken for granted that the police will do whatever is required of them, why should we not expect others, in government and in a vital public service, to do the same? The author is chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales.

Michael Binyon

Gentleman George eclipsed

Washington

George Bush is one of the most experienced vice-presidents ever to hold office — a former congressman, successful oil businessman, pioneering head of mission in China, ambassador to the United Nations, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, head of the presidential task forces on drugs and terrorism. He is a Yale graduate, a war hero, a respected family man. He is decent and honourable. Yet his campaign is in deep trouble.

He is trailing Governor Michael Dukakis of the Democrats by at least 16 points in the opinion polls, has alienated women voters, suffers high "negative ratings" and is, by his own admission, the underdog in a tough fight. Few presidential candidates so far behind so early in the race have ever been able to catch up.

What has gone wrong? The Bush campaign has only itself to blame for much of the trouble. It is poorly organized, rife with backstabbing and unfocused. It is apt to squander money and opportunities.

Much of the huge war chest raised for the primary campaign was spent at such a profligate rate that Bush had little cash on hand for the vital California primary and could make only token appearances. Since then, his legal ceiling reached, he has been confined to Washington, while Dukakis has been quartering the country and monopolizing the headlines.

The campaign has also suffered from having Lee Atwater in charge. Though a shrewd strategist with keen political antennae, Atwater specializes in negative campaigning — not by highlighting Bush's strengths but by denigrating his detractors. The decision during the New Hampshire primary to suggest that Senator Robert Dole would raise taxes led to a brawl between the two candidates on live television and an ugly confrontation in the Senate. It embarrassed the normally courteous Bush and heightened the tension and ideological splits within the Republican camp.

James Baker may be able to bring order to the campaign. The urbane former Treasury Secretary is an old friend of Bush and knows his mind and political instincts. He may at this late stage be able to give a loftier tone to the Republican message, project Bush's own ideas, better exploit the Republicans' strength on the economy and in foreign affairs. But these are all secondary issues. The real problem is Bush himself.

He is, as many Republicans now despairingly admit, a very poor candidate. He is neither a powerful nor a sonorous speaker. Stiff and reserved, he has difficulty articulating his political tenets and vision. Despite seven years as vice-president he remains an enigmatic blur in people's minds.

The result is the worst possible one for a politician: Bush has become a figure of fun, an object of ridicule by cartoonists, columnists and a growing number of voters. They pick on his voice, his clichés and, most cuttingly, his patrician background and mannerisms.

America is not the classless society many people would have foreigners believe. Class resentment brings out old prejudices and Bush is stereotypically upper class. He is the son of an Eastern Establishment senator. He went to a private school and then to Yale. He dresses in "preppy" clothes — blazers and grey flannels. He spends his summers in Maine and talks on the campaign trail of daughters going to coming-out parties.

His upper-class reserve shows in his lack of small talk; he has little spontaneous repartee. There is also a haplessness, a tendency to gaffes and bathos that give credence to Ann Richards's jibe at the Democratic convention that he was "born with a silver foot in his mouth." He had to apologize last year for joking to NATO ambassadors that Soviet tank mechanisms should be sent to Detroit "because we could use that kind of ability." All he could say after gazing at Auschwitz was that "this is a great monument".



The media, quick to kick an easy victim, especially a Republican, has made much of the "wimp" image. The *Doonesbury* strip cartoon depicts him as an invisible bubble. The press has also ridiculed his somewhat desperate attempt to demonstrate machismo, such as his awkward parading as a demonstration of guts — of his pain at watching a four-year-old girl die of leukaemia.

Old campaign stories are also circulating, one concerning a speech that included a quote from Thucydides. Bush had trouble pronouncing the name. "It was the longest five seconds of my life," a former speechwriter is quoted as saying. "He kept trying to get it right and he managed it worse each time." Afterwards an aide, eager to help, suggested a change that Bush readily accepted. At his

next stop he delivered the identical speech, with the same quote — but introduced it by saying: "As the Greek philosopher Plato said..."

Without the public warmth and actor's charisma, Bush has been unable to inherit Reagan's personal popularity. Instead, his legacy has been the widespread unpopularity of many Reagan policies. His own loyalty to Reagan has contributed to this: he is finding it hard to emerge from the president's shadow, to establish a persona of his own. Willy-nilly, Bush is identified with those aspects of the administration that have failed, such as the Iran-Contra scandal, whereas Reagan himself remains unscathed. Many voters blame him for policies he had little to do with.

The Republicans are also suffering from a general feeling that it is time for a change. Unlike Europeans, American voters do not necessarily stick with the government that provides economic prosperity or stability at home and abroad; they tend instead to focus at such times on what remains to be done. Bush's warnings that a vote for the Democrats would jeopardize today's prosperity are not as potent as they would be elsewhere. The "throw the rascals out" mentality is too deeply ingrained.

To outsiders, it seems extraordinary that Republican success in creating jobs at home and stability abroad — especially in arms control — should not count for more. But macroeconomics and foreign policy play only a small role in elections in the US, as in most countries. Foreign affairs matter only when there is a crisis. And ironically, Reagan's success in this area has diminished the risk of voting for Dukakis, a man with little foreign affairs experience.

The big issues in this election are drugs, AIDS and health care, welfare programmes and homelessness, education, jobs and protectionism. And the Democrats, by holding their convention a month earlier, have been able to make the running on most of these issues. Even the economy does not necessarily help Bush, as polls have found a

general concern about the future and expectations that the good times cannot last much longer.

Much may change next week. The spotlight will be on New Orleans. A disciplined convention, a forceful speech by a popular vice-presidential nominee could alter the picture dramatically. The Republicans can define the agenda more to their advantage. But it will take a lot to make up the gap in the opinion polls.

Bush would be helped by a foreign policy crisis — a sudden disaster that had America rallying with patriotic fervour around the incumbent administration. He would also profit from any sudden collapse in the Dukakis campaign — a serious gaffe or some embarrassing revelation from the past. (The attempt to profit from the mental health smear appears to have backfired badly, however, and underlines the dangers of letting Atwater run a negative campaign.)

Bush could also be helped by a final, forceful campaign on his behalf by Reagan, though the president's coat-tails are growing ever shorter. In the end, however, it is only Bush who can help himself. He must give a more confident and competent performance. He must find better speechwriters, train himself more in television projection. He must give a more convincing impression that he knows who he is and what he wants.

Dukakis may be repetitive and dull, but he is consistent and sharply in focus. Bush too often strays after this or that theme, according to what the pollsters suggest, and is in danger of appearing opportunistic and merely tactical.

Above all, Bush and the Republicans do not appear hungry for government; they lack the sharpened edge that years of exile from the White House have given the Democrats. Too many Republicans are too lukewarm about Bush. Too much of what he is saying sounds only like a reworded version of what came, more gloriously, before.

Commentary • HUGH MONTEFIORE

Aids: the only answer

There is no sign yet of a cure or safe vaccine for the treatment of the Aids virus. Early optimism among scientists that new research would develop a successful treatment has gradually given way to despondency in the absence of any significant breakthrough.

In Britain the subject has dropped from the headlines; recently there have been more stories about seals dying from a virus than about the thousands of humans worldwide who die from Aids. Yet the disease continues its inexorable course.

The number of people infected with HIV (the Aids virus) is estimated by the World Health Organization — conservatively — at five million; it says the number of new Aids cases this year is likely to equal the total number up to 1987 and that a million new cases must be expected worldwide in the next five years.

The disease has different geographical patterns. For example, in sub-Saharan Africa, and increasingly in Latin America and the Caribbean, sexual transmission is predominantly heterosexual, with up to a quarter of those aged between 20 and 40 infected with HIV in some urban areas, and 15 per cent or more of pregnant women also HIV infected. By way of contrast, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific and North Africa have only 1 per cent of the total Aids cases; but the number is increasing.

In Britain, along with most of the developed world, Aids oc-

curs predominantly among homosexual and bisexual men (1,377 cases to the end of July this year), but also among intravenous drug users (56 cases) and increasingly among heterosexuals (61 cases by the end of May this year, an increase of 24 over the figure last September). Seventeen cases of Aids have been reported in children with HIV positive mothers.

The numbers may seem comparatively small; but they are increasing exponentially, doubling every ten months, and no one knows how many people are HIV infected. The situation could become really grave if the virus grew rampant, as it might, among heterosexuals.

Estimates differ of the numbers already infected. The doctors for their own protection last year wanted to introduce anonymous testing, but found that this would be contrary to the law. It is difficult to combat an epidemic without knowledge of the numbers likely to be involved. Hospitals which take routine blood tests may be thought to include HIV among them; but a discreet silence would have to be kept about results.

Although infection with HIV may not necessarily lead to Aids, it is too early to say definitively whether it always does or not, since the virus was identified only in 1981. Existing drug treatments, which are palliative, not cures, are extremely expensive and can have severe side effects.

Public opinion at first recoiled

in horror from a sexually transmitted fatal illness found (in Britain) mainly among homosexuals. But a greater tolerance and even sympathy towards its sufferers is now apparent.

For example, unprecedented numbers of people turned out for the recent Shop Assistance Day when the Covent Garden complex of shops gave 10 per cent of their takings to the Terence Higgins Trust. Many of their customers came not so much to purchase goods from the hands of "celebrities" as to register their awareness of the terrible tragedy of those who are afflicted, and to mark their sympathy for them.

A better understanding of the illness must be largely due to the remarkable broadcasting campaigns which ended in March last year. Some programmes were bizarre in the extreme (including a caricature of Lord Whitelaw with a condom on his head). They were open to criticism because sexual activity was depicted as something purely physical, and never as an act of love. It is dangerous for official propaganda to turn its back on human values.

Since then most newspapers have lost interest in the growing tragedy of Aids. Official propaganda also seems to have dried up, apart from a few notices on the London Underground exhorting people not only to take condoms when they go on holiday abroad, but also to use them. It seems part of our contemporary "California" culture that people are expected to sleep

around in "condom union" on their holidays. If either homosexuals or heterosexuals are going to do this, then obviously they should be encouraged to use condoms rather than not.

According to an evaluation by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, however, earlier campaigns had little effect in promoting their use, which was a prime objective. But "most noticeably, support for a moral rationale of faithful sexual behaviour increased".

Despite this, official propaganda never seems to suggest that it is better to be chaste, and that faithfulness to one partner is desirable in itself.

It is self-evident that if people lived chastely and were faithful to one partner, the threatened epidemic of Aids would vanish overnight, since — apart from drug abusers — we are no longer in this country at risk from infected blood.

People do not change their basic attitudes out of fear, nor is it desirable to do so. Here is an enormous opportunity for the churches, which they have almost entirely failed to grasp. They are in a unique position to publicize the proper relationship of sex and love, the human need for commitment and faithfulness, the healing that sex brings within a relationship of love and tenderness. We may not always achieve chastity and faithfulness; but when properly understood, how can these be other than attractive?

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AUGUST 10 ON THIS DAY 1963

For 25 years the Great Train Robbery has spawned a stream of newspaper and magazine articles. It crops up frequently on television; films have been made about it. Our first leading article on the robbery advised the Postmaster-General how to prevent a repetition.

UNPREPARED

MR BEVINS has been very busy in the past forty-eight hours bolting the stable door. The operation is an usual ignominious, but on this occasion national as well, for the horse that got away on Wednesday night was by no means the only one in the stable. Indeed the amount of money in used bank notes that cruises up and down the railways nightly in transit between one bank office and another is a matter of some surprise.

It appears on reflection to be necessary to the banking and currency system that all this transportation should occur — all that is, except for the wads of notes destined to be taken out of circulation. The only apparent reason for their being moved around in negotiable form is the rule that the decision to have them destroyed is reserved to the head office of the clearing banks, to which therefore they must be sent before anything can be done to cancel their validity. There could surely be delegation of this not very onerous responsibility to at least the principal branch offices. Even so, large sums would continue regularly to be moved. A couple of years ago the walk-in-and-help-yourself type of banking was prevalent on mail trains. Vigorous action to pre-

vent it was promised, and, indeed, was taken. Although the Post Office and railways were naturally shy of publicizing the details of their precautions, they proved for a time effective — but only against that particular form of criminal enterprise. The first thing that stands out from the Buckinghamshire hold-up is that the routine precautions on the Glasgow-London travelling post office — and by the time the alarm was raised the bandits had made their getaway with almost an hour's start. In the face of the numbers, audacity, and quasi-military precision of the attackers the train's security, such as it was, crumpled up.

It is on the face of it amazing that nearly £3m worth of unrecalled bank notes should be travelling through the night in superannuated vans and without a guard. The Post Office plead in extension that in 125 years of service this is the first time one of these travelling post offices has been raided, but unfortunately the criminal classes are no respecters of time or tradition. Future plans must be based on the assumption that such trains are liable henceforth to be the object of attack.

There are broadly two ways of meeting the threat. One is by means of the refinement of security devices and alarm systems... But with the strong suggestion in the latest raid that the criminals have their accomplices within the Post Office or the railways, it is doubtful if precautions of that kind will be enough unless they are reinforced by the other way of meeting the threat. This is to provide a guard capable of beating off an attack, a guard that is armed, with firearms in reserve. Against this MR BEVINS has set his face.



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LESSONS FROM THE GULF

From its beginning to its imminent end, the Gulf War has defied military analysts. Most observers in September 1980 expected Iraq to win, Iran to fall and the fighting to be over quickly. Eight years later they are still rewriting their theses.

As far as the theory of warfare is concerned, Western Europe should draw some comfort from the long course of the fighting. On paper at least, it would seem to have confirmed the argument that the balance of advantage has shifted from attack to defence.

This balance has moved continually throughout history, as each new generation of arms has prompted the discovery of a counter. During the First World War the machine gun and heavy artillery immobilized Europe's armies on the Western Front. In the Second, armoured vehicle and strike aircraft enabled the successor armies to break the deadlocks.

The development of more accurate, long-range missiles has since delivered a new challenge to the "cavalry." This was first noted during the 1973 October War, in which Israel's tank brigades, still confident after their six-day "blitzkrieg" in 1967, were halted by the Soviet-made anti-tank guided weapons of the Egyptian and Syrian infantry.

The subsequent course of the fighting did not entirely bear out these conclusions. But those responsible for the defence of Western Europe have taken heart from more recent emergent technology which might stop an advancing enemy, almost literally in its tracks, by destroying his "follow-up" forces. Some have even argued (though without much success) for a modern Maginot Line.

Those seeking confirmation of this theory, have been able to find some evidence in the Gulf. The Iraqis, despite enjoying the advantage of surprise and a large superiority in arms, advanced only 25 miles into Iran before being

pushed gradually back beyond their own border. For most of the eight years since then, the two armies have swayed across the Shatt al-Arab waterway, unable to breach each other's defensive line.

How far any observations from the Gulf can be applied to the plains of central Europe is debatable. The terrain in the south, where the Iraqis launched one "final offensive" after another towards Basra, was particularly marshy and difficult. For part of the winter operations were hardly feasible at all.

Moreover, the discrepancies in firepower were equally unusual. Iraq's defences of Soviet artillery and dug-in tanks proved impregnable for the massed Iranian infantry. But the Iraqis were starved of weapons and ammunition. Many of their soldiers were young boys. They soon had few aircraft left to provide air cover. They hurried themselves forward with fanatical zeal. But it is hard to see the Russians being so depleted.

The ability of both sides to continue fighting must be significant. Despite huge debts, reports of low morale and heavy losses, the two armies found the reserves of men, arms and willpower to carry on. For those who are confident that any future war in Europe would be a short one, the length of that in the Gulf, should be instructive. As in 1973, this has implications for the size of future war stocks.

Neither army had nuclear weapons. But the readiness of both (and especially Iraq) to flout the 1925 Geneva Protocol by using poison gas — against civilians as well as troops — must raise questions about their use of nuclear weapons had they had them. The Gulf War has been described by one expert as a "delicate balance of incompetence". Its lessons certainly cannot be translated *en bloc* elsewhere. But they will be carefully studied none the less, in Moscow as well as here.

MR CLARKE'S OTHER AGENDA

In the two weeks since Mrs Thatcher's surprise reshuffle, much interest has fallen on the new Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, and most of it on his attitude to the National Health Service review. That narrow interpretation of his responsibilities should not obscure the other work to be done.

Health does not stop at the hospital entrance or general practitioner's front door. There is the need to secure the future of the public and environmental health departments. Mr Clarke will have to think about the role of local government and its responsibility to provide for the handicapped, the elderly and mentally infirm — the issues that fall under the bureaucratic heading of "community care".

Like it or not, Mr Clarke is a minister with no choice but to continue grasping the nettle of local politics and finance. On the evidence of his recent tenure as minister for the inner cities he will not like it.

From his predecessor, Mr Tony Newton, the workhorse of the DHSS under the overlordship of Mr John Moore, he has been bequeathed a sound and functioning set of relationships with the local authorities. He also has been given a signal pointing to where the Government ought next to go on a terrain where — as Sir Roy Griffiths has put it — doing nothing is costly and harmful to a large number of vulnerable people.

The pointers are to establishing under local authority auspices a mechanism for guiding into care people who are either being released from long-stay institutions or who are, in any humane sense, dependent. The detail and finances of such an arrangement are not especially difficult to devise. As we have argued previously, Mr Clarke's department has before it the persuasive case of Sir Roy

Griffiths's community care report, much supporting material from the Audit Commission and informal evidence from the Association of Directors of Social Services.

The question for Mr Clarke is one of politics. Can he bring himself to trust local government to take the leading role. Sympathetic political advisers say there is no alternative. So, it is believed, do his own Civil Servants.

Mr Clarke must show some belief in the potential of government policy to make local government better. He should grasp that Brent, and Haringey, and Lambeth and Camden are not typical. Giving Brent additional social services responsibilities would be utterly irresponsible. But the failings of politicians and officials in one London borough should not impose a veto on change. Kent and Newcastle upon Tyne need not be tarred with the same brush.

The junior health minister, Mrs Currie, recently came away from a visit to Islington impressed by the unideological way in which that formerly notorious left-wing borough now manages its affairs: indeed Islington has a better record than many authorities in its use of the private and voluntary sectors.

The direction of policy should be to think about how the Brents and Haringeys can be dealt with, possibly by some kind of direct action, while extending to the many other social services departments the extension of their role recommended by Sir Roy Griffiths. The folly of Labour councillors in London boroughs has brought pain for their ratepayers and immense political mileage for ministers. But there comes a time when effective policy making must transcend political point-scoring. Mr Clarke's arrival at health is it.

MR GANDHI'S ARMOUR

India is at virtual war within itself. Well-armed bands of fundamentalist Sikhs are making determined efforts to tear the country apart. More than 1,500 innocent civilians have died in Punjab this year, and assassins threaten every prominent politician. It may not be surprising then that, in order to restrict the activities of this lethal minority, the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, whose mother died by Sikh bullets, should wish to curtail some of the civil freedoms normally available to the citizen of India.

But a disturbing report today from the worldwide human rights organization, Amnesty International, shows that the removal of legal safeguards in security legislation has gone too far. It alleges that lawless behaviour by the national and state security forces is rife; and that official failure to clamp down on it has led to illegal killings and widespread torture.

The Amnesty review points out that arbitrary arrest and prolonged detention without trial are encouraged by the array of draconian legislative weapons at the disposal of the Government; also that these Acts are often used not simply to keep known terrorists out of circulation, but to lock up people engaged in non-violent political activity.

Accusations of human rights violations are not restricted to the Punjab. The legislation, for example, has been used in Gujarat to curb protests by students against a rise in milk prices and to detain trade unionists leading a pay dispute at a private textile company.

The best remembered instances of police brutality in India are the Bhopal gas poisonings, where 33 Bihar criminals had their sight extinguished in 1980 by policemen using acid-dipped bicycle spokes. Amnesty shows that torture and extra-judicial killing are still used

by police who all too often act as paid retainers of caste or community interest.

India's moral stance in public forums, where Indian spokesmen are regularly to be heard inveighing against Western iniquities such as racial prejudice or neo-colonial oppression, would be greatly strengthened if Mr Gandhi's Government made a more determined effort to root out these institutional abuses of civil rights at home. In particular there should be a prompt review of the working of the security legislation.

People held should be brought before an independent body empowered to examine the legality of their detention. The as yet unused powers under the 59th amendment to the constitution, which could actually remove the right to life, should be revoked.

Restoration of traditional legal safeguards to ensure fair and open trials would protect people from the abuse of the wide powers given to the security forces. Reliable allegations of torture should be investigated by an independent body. Criminal prosecution of police officers, which Amnesty describes as rare, would be a means of showing that human rights abuses by the law enforcement authorities will not be tolerated.

The Indian Constitution, drawn up 40 years ago under the pragmatic eye of Pandit Nehru and with the humanity of Mahatma Gandhi, guarantees fundamental rights. The Indian courts do essential work in protecting these rights. A free press is there to act as a watchdog, and a parliamentary opposition to restrain legislative excess. But without reforms Mr Gandhi will not be able to keep the armour of justice over the benefits he has brought to India's national integrity.

Visa problems

From Dr Piotr Gaff
Sir, The visa policy of OECD countries towards Polish applicants has been deteriorating for the last few years in proportion to the improvement in the passport policy of the Polish authorities.

While cases of refusal of passport have become quite exceptional here, obtaining any Western visa is a nightmare. In the British

Embassy, for instance, the waiting time for a tourist visa is about two months and arbitrary refusals tend to be more of a rule than exception.

Questions asked by consulate officials in interviews and even those printed in questionnaires as a matter of routine tend to be humiliating. The price of the visa, if granted, amounts to two weeks' average salary.

For us Poles it makes no great difference if the lock of our cage is on the inside or on the outside. Another important aspect of this issue is that British and other Western citizens are thus denied the right to invite relatives or friends from Poland to visit them. Sincerely yours,
PIOTR GAFF,
Polish Academy of Science,
Institute of Philosophy,
Warsaw, Poland.

Fresh Start in Prison Service

From the Director General of HM Prison Service
Sir, I join Judge Argyle (August 9) in the tribute he pays to members of HM Prison Service, male and female alike, but his judgment that we should have wanted until there were enough prison officers before introducing Fresh Start oversimplifies the position.

Since Fresh Start was conceived the demands on the Prison Service have dramatically increased. Fresh Start requires changes of attitudes that have built up over decades — away from an overtime-driven, fixed-shift system towards flexible working with staff on salaries without overtime. Attitudes do not change overnight.

Each establishment's staffing requirements under the new arrangements have had to be evaluated, its existing staffing profiles adjusted, and new work patterns and shift systems devised, tailored to that establishment — and there are 130 of them. That takes time.

Finally, almost everyone wanted to get the benefits of the Fresh Start deal as soon as possible.

So we have had to proceed quickly, yet step by step, evaluating as we went. The outcome of the first evaluation was a decision to increase recruitment. That has led to 1,832 officers being recruited last year and to plans for up to 2,500 being recruited this year. (The precise number will depend mainly upon the levels of wastage). Our training schools are working flat out. This month alone 496 new officers will be posted to prisons.

Concerns about staff shortages have to be seen against the background of those numbers and of the way that Fresh Start has been introduced. We could not stop the world and get off. The work of the Prison Service had to go on. But, above all, not until Fresh Start is fully bedded in shall we know with certainty the right number of staff that each establishment, and therefore the service as a whole, requires. To say that Fresh Start should have been introduced only when enough staff were available ignores that fact.

Fortunately, the great majority of Prison Service staff understand that and are working hard and professionally to make Fresh Start a success, and to ensure that it will deliver its objectives — better conditions for prisoners and a better job for staff. Yours faithfully,
C. J. TRAIN, Director General,
HM Prison Service,
Clandon House,
Page Street, SW1,
August 9.

Demands of justice

From the Chairman of the Magistrates' Association
Sir, Your leader of July 20 and article of the previous day suggest that one of the best ways of reducing delays and backlog in the crown courts would be to transfer more work down to the magistrates' courts, and then to appoint more stipendiary magistrates to deal with it.

The Magistrates' Association supports, from a purely practical point of view, the appointment and use of stipendiaries in certain urban areas, and when there is a temporary extra load in any other part of the country; but we have the assurance of the Lord Chancellor's Department that this is the limit of what is considered necessary at the moment. To go further puts in question the whole concept of lay justice.

The only significant respect in which we may take longer than stipendiaries is in decision-making. It is hardly surprising that three people take longer than one; but it can equally be argued that a just decision is more likely to arise from the former.

In any event, this small difference between lay and stipendiary magistrates is as nothing compared to the chronic delays from which we both suffer in the operation of the system as a whole, and over which we have little or no control.

In spite of the baffling fact that some of us appear to be committing either-way offences unnecessarily to the crown courts, we remain totally confident, capable, and willing to deal justly with more such cases in the majority of magistrates' courts at vastly lower cost to the nation.

Yours etc,
JOHN HOSKING,
Chairman of Council,
The Magistrates' Association,
28 Fitzroy Square, W1,
July 26.

Head teachers' role

From Mr Richard Boud
Sir, David Tyler's report (August 1) of the study by the National Foundation for Educational Research lists all the familiar complaints and frustrations of head teachers trying, with limited resources, to respond to calls for innovations in education.

Many head teachers still seem to regard managing a school as a unique role, quite unlike managing or leadership in any other walk of life. They apparently have still to realise that the wider responsibilities which they have accepted with promotion offer them

Case for scrutiny of medical ethics

From the National Director of MIND
Sir, Alex McCall-Smith (article, August 5) argues that the British Medical Association's idea of a national ethical committee is unnecessary. I believe he is wrong and that a standing commission is urgently required.

Whilst it is true that a number of university departments and independent bodies are working on medical ethics, there is no one place where this is brought together. The ethical issues before us are complex and far-reaching. Rapid technological change throws up fascinating yet sometimes frightening consequences.

A standing commission could bring together men and women from a wide range of disciplines within health care and philosophy to give guidance to Government when legislating and to the professions. Such a commission would take a broad view, helping to ensure coherency which cannot come from separate working groups set up in a hurry as issues arise. The Warnock committee did excellent work; but how are its findings to be related to the recent BMA report on euthanasia, or the ethics involved in child abuse, or transplantation surgery?

There is, however, another important reason for such a commission. Recent debate on financing of health care has looked at mechanisms and structures but rarely at how priorities for health care are decided. Financial systems are a crude way of driving the health service to provide certain

types of care. Allocating money between competing specialties, particularly with the high cost of some modern medicine, requires an ethical dimension.

One approach — that of quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) — has had a rather mixed reception. Yet QALYs may be one component of a multi-factorial ethical approach to resource allocation. Underlying many decisions are a whole host of ethical or moral assumptions based on religion, class, self-interest, cure rather than prevention, and so forth. These facets need to be teased out.

Government and the NHS urgently require advice on the "how" of financing. Only some form of standing commission could look at this complex area and give such guidance. Even district health authorities could benefit from having national guidelines on assumptions to be made in deciding on ways of analysing the assumptions that have been made.

The ethical dimension is growing in importance. A national body could pull together effectively the disparate views and give the country some leadership in a crucial but difficult and complex area of human concern.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HEGINBOTHAM,
National Director,
MIND (National Association for Mental Health),
22 Harley Street, W1,
August 5.

Future of NHS

From Dr Dallas Brodie and others
Sir, The current debate on the future of the health service is ignoring two major problems which we, as representatives of doctors who will have to work with whatever changes are produced by the Prime Minister's review of the NHS, believe must be addressed.

The first problem is demographic change. By 1995 there will be 1.2 million fewer people between the ages of 16 and 24 and there will soon be difficulty in recruiting staff at all levels in the health service, including medical and nursing staff.

This problem is linked with the second. Quite rightly, and inevitably, junior doctors will soon be working fewer hours. In the United States a grand jury has ruled that doctors must not work more than 80 hours a week and similar statutory restrictions in this country cannot be far away.

The consequence of these changes is that there will be fewer doctors working fewer hours in the future. If the current system continues the number of acute hospitals in Britain today cannot be staffed adequately in the 1990s.

IRA beyond the pale

From Dr Joseph Rhymer
Sir, Now that we have seen that the Roman Catholic Church's machinery for excommunication, as in the case of Archbishop LeFebvre, is still in good working order and in recent use against members who defy the Church's authority, may we see it directed against the IRA? I write as a lay member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Unlike any other terrorist organisation that I know of, the IRA claims that most of its murderous acts are in defence of Roman Catholics. Consequently, it is able to attract support from millions of Roman Catholics throughout the world, particularly those of Irish descent, no matter how often it is condemned by local Roman Catholic leaders. Christian loyalties are being manipulated for murderous ends.

Even the strongest condemnations by local churchmen such as

It is obvious that now is the time to seek solutions to this impending staffing crisis rather than having to act when the service reaches breaking point.

There should be immediate plans drawn up to begin the process of ensuring that in the future there will be one comprehensive general hospital in each district with all the facilities which are needed by patients and staff on one site.

The present arrangement in many areas of multiple-site hospitals must be ended. This will certainly cost money in the short term, but will quickly reap benefits in terms of land sales and increased efficiency.

This is the way ahead. It must be recognized in the Prime Minister's review and acted upon without delay.

Yours faithfully,
DALLAS J. BRODIE (Chairman, Hospital Junior Staff Committee, BMA),
S. FRADD, G. McDONALD, JEREMY WIGHT (Deputy, Chairman),
British Medical Association,
BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1,
August 3.

Dr Daly, Bishop of Down and Connor, can be shrugged aside by IRA members and their more fanatical supporters. Furthermore, such condemnations are undermined when Cardinal O'Connor, of New York, leads a "peace pilgrimage" to Ireland (report, July 28) and then declares that British security forces do not contribute to peace.

Committed Roman Catholics believe that excommunication can only be ignored at their souls' peril. If this means nothing to IRA members, at least it should stop Roman Catholics around the world who innocently think that their contributions and demonstrations are helping a Roman Catholic liberation movement.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH RHYMER,
University of Edinburgh Staff Club,
9-15 Chambers Street,
Edinburgh 1,
August 4.

feckless youths or children untrained by feckless parents. Boroughs, whether of left or right, may be incompetent or simply strapped for cash. Given the will they would adjust their priorities and find the money, no doubt at the expense of some other no less deserving civic obligation.

The collection of rubbish from a crowded city must be labour-intensive and require the acquisition of an enlarged fleet of suitably-designed lorries. Those of us who love to see a city kept decently clean again may nevertheless object to the inevitable increase in congestion and traffic chaos.

There is no escape in our society from the consequences of the feckless champions of the rule of market forces.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
2 Raymond Buildings,
Grays Inn, WC1,
August 9.

Weather as a world heritage

From Dr D. J. Attard
Sir, I refer to your front-page article, "Soggy summers may be with Britain for good" (August 2), which considered the phenomenon of a steadily rising average annual rainfall in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere and the very high temperatures in more southerly latitudes from the Mediterranean across northern India.

Significantly, on the same day, The Times of Malta reported that the local meteorological office had registered the hottest average July temperature (33.3°C higher than the mean) since records started being kept.

The stratospheric ozone depletion (through, e.g., the uncontrolled emission of chlorofluorocarbons) has serious detrimental effects on the health and well-being of mankind. Solar ultra-violet radiation induces skin cancer, cataracts, and suppresses the human immunity system, affects the yield of certain crops, reduces productivity in aquatic plants, and leads to a degradation of certain industrial products.

Prime Minister Brundland of Norway's distressing statement that the impact of world climate change "may be more drastic for mankind than any other challenges except for nuclear war" not only reflects her tremendous foresight but also demonstrates the need for a comprehensive global strategy to protect the weather and climate as part of an effort to ensure that our planet Earth remains fit to sustain human life. A formula must be devised to ensure that short-term gains and the long-term needs of mankind are balanced.

May I utilise your distinguished newspaper to suggest that the first phase of this global strategy, would be a UN resolution declaring the weather and climate to be part of the common heritage of mankind and that the appropriate mechanism be established to protect these natural resources in the interests of mankind? (The common heritage principle has already been incorporated in the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea with respect to certain areas of the seabed, ocean floor, and subsoil).

Such an endeavour should include a comprehensive study, on an interdisciplinary basis, of the changes in the atmosphere, geosphere, and biosphere and the interaction of these changes with human activities. The formidable work undertaken within the UN system should be coordinated to ensure that limited resources are utilised in the most effective manner and that the results of research, particularly in meteorology and hydrology, are applied in the interest of mankind.

Yours,
D. J. ATTARD,
P.O. Box 60,
Sliema, Malta,
August 8.

Waste of time

From Mr Peter Damian Robinson
Sir, Mr Nicholas Grace (August 2) does not speak for all retired executives fortunate enough not to have to work for a living. Nor should those with retirement in prospect let themselves be discouraged by his negative language.

Some of us, after years of responsible — and satisfying — jobs prefer to use our new-found independence to enjoy life and to do things we like doing for which there has not been enough time. What busy executive can have read enough books or travelled enough or learned enough or, indeed, sufficiently improved his relationships?

Some of us feel humbly thankful that we do not have to jeopardise our hard-won freedom by looking for organisations by which we will "simply be needed". I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
PETER D. ROBINSON,
c/o Hayes Dixon,
146 Strand, WC2.

Cure for gazumping?

From Mr Erskine Pollock
Sir, Does Judge Hordern's proposed agreement (August 8) go far enough? If P had already viewed another property and decided he preferred it, he could safely withdraw. V, if he chose, could decide not to sell at all. What about a short document based on:

43 Brown Street £50,000, V and P agree to sign a formal contract unless it contains, or searches or a survey reveals, anything which P reasonably objects to.

Yours,
ERSKINE POLLOCK,
5 Eastfield Park,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

Hurricane bears fruit

From Dr Shirley Bolt
Sir, As I drove, rather wearily, to attend my third delivery of the night at our local, small, GP maternity unit, averaging about 100 deliveries per annum, I wondered if there was anything to account for this mini-boom.

My answer came when the mother, safely delivered of a 9lb 6oz baby boy, shyly told me that his family nickname was "Hurricane".

I wonder if other areas struck by last October's storms and power cuts have experienced similar late manifestations?

Yours sincerely,
SHIRLEY BOLT,
Langley Close, West Common, Blackfield, Southampton, Hampshire, August 4.

THE ARTS

Richard Morrison meets Barry Tuckwell, soloist in Thea Musgrave's Horn Concerto at tonight's Prom

Risks are compulsory

Because the horn was, in the time-honoured phrase, "created by God in His wrath", those who master the treacherous complexities of its 20 feet of coiled tubing are accorded a special awe among musicians. By common consent Barry Tuckwell is master of them all, and he demonstrates his craft again tonight at the Proms.

Yet his is not a virtuosity achieved by playing safe; quite the reverse. "The only exciting performances come when someone takes risks," says the 57-year-old Australian. "The audience instinctively senses something shallow when that isn't happening."

One has to balance such remarks against the level of preparation that Tuckwell, who left the LSO in 1966 to become the world's first full-time horn soloist, habitually maintains. The story of the stratospheric Zelenka concertos would make salutary reading for any aspiring brass player.

"Heinz Holliger told me he had discovered these wild horn pieces by a 17th-century Dresden composer. 'But Barry, they are very high,' he warned. Well, I got them and, Jeez, they were high. Still, I thought I could do it, and about two months before the recording I began serious work." Tuckwell worked for hours every day on the same handful of notes, nearer the piccolo register than the normal horn's. "I simply couldn't play them. Ten days before the sessions, I was panicking. Do I cancel? Do I get someone else? Then, mercifully, I found the trick."

The trick is... well, Tuckwell guards his trade secrets. "It was significant, perhaps, that I gave up all 'normal register' work. In Strauss or Wagner you need a much louder, different style of production altogether. So I didn't pollute my high-register lip."

Tuckwell has resuscitated the bizarre Bohemian epics of Zelenka, Puntó and Rosetti, and ventured into the "crossover" market by recording Cole Porter songs with George Shearing. But he has also, almost singlehandedly, given the horn a late 20th-century repertoire by commissioning or simply inspiring many living composers. "I suppose I regret the missed opportunities and unfortunate gaps in our repertoire. If only someone had persuaded Stravin-



Playing because he enjoys it: Barry Tuckwell, at 57, sees no reason to consider giving up performing to concentrate on his work as a conductor

sky to have written a horn concerto to go alongside our Mozarts and Strausses. Dennis Brain would have been the right person."

One fruit of this adventurousness will be the work which Tuckwell plays at the Proms: Thea Musgrave's Horn Concerto, which he first performed 17 years ago in Glasgow. It scatters the orchestral horns round the hall in four-fold echo of the soloist.

Tuckwell first picked up a horn when he was 13: within a year he was in with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. (His sister Patricia, now Lady Harewood, was an equally prodigious teenage violinist.) Then came a move to Sydney, playing under Eugene Goossens, and in 1950 to England. "I

suppose Australia was then a cultural backwater, but actually when I came to England I was surprised at how awful the programming was: Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Beethoven. In Sydney we played exciting things like Mahler and Stravinsky."

Still not 20, he landed a job with the Halle under Barbirolli ("endless streams of *Gerontius*, but they included some wonderful Ferrier performances"), then, after a year in Bourne, he became the LSO's principal horn. He stayed for 13 years - the last six as chairman - where what is euphemistically styled his "strong sense of purpose" radically over-

hauled the orchestra's approach. "It was a terrible orchestra when I joined, and sinking. The lowest common denominator was at work. You couldn't change Fred, because Fred had been there for 20 years. The recording work was going elsewhere. Well, you have got to be ruthless. In the 1960s the LSO became as good as it was because there were enough strong, influential players who said 'we have to be better'. Of course this was resented, but we wanted to win artistic respect, not friends. "But then we became so involved with retaining good players and chasing money that we never asked ourselves 'what do we want to achieve in the next 10 years?' and 'why are we here in this place?'. I still think the same

questions are not being asked today."

Tuckwell does not exclude himself from the criticism. "I did 200 concerts in one year when I first went freelance." Now he divides his time between playing and, increasingly, conducting. "I was worried in advance about all the nasty tricks that players pull on conductors - I'd pulled them myself."

Does this new interest prelude a gradual withdrawal from horn-playing? "Look, I'm 57, and I'm less worried about my lip, lung, respiration, than some players who are 37. I'm not going to continue playing if I don't enjoy it, and I certainly won't enjoy it if it doesn't sound good. I'll discover that before you do."

PROMENADE CONCERTS

Mixed fortunes

Lyons Opera Orchestra/
Gardiner
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Harold in Italy should work in concert: Berlioz is careful in the way he balances the solo viola against the large orchestra; the solo writing should come through clearly, given a forthright violinist. Zoltán Tóth was by no means a retiring soloist, but such is the effect of the Albert Hall acoustic that his tone failed to carry very far. Important details were nearly or actually inaudible.

Ironically, when Tóth stood behind the orchestra to achieve the effect of remoteness Berlioz intended, he sounded stronger and clearer than anywhere else in this performance. Otherwise the effect was too much Italy and too little Harold. Not that the Lyons Opera Orchestra sounded very enthusiastic about the work; though to be fair this was the final item of a long concert in a stuffy hall. Berlioz himself might have wilted under such conditions.

Lontano/Martinez
Kensington Town Hall

In her Chinese-inspired pieces, the Scottish composer Judith Weir has created a musical language surprising and different enough to charm the most jaded ears. Her 1985 narrative for one singer, *The Consolations of Scholarship*, heard in Moody's late-night Prom, is cast in similar style to her hugely enjoyable *A Night at the Chinese Opera*, and is equally successful.

Consolations tells the story of a studious young man's cunning revenge for his father's betrayal in ancient China - and Weir's first principle is to ensure that every word of her own witty and colloquial text is audible. For much of the time instruments move with the voice, taking their rhythms from the syllables and their phrase lengths from the sentences.

The instrumental textures are beautifully contrived - high sonorities predominating, but different combinations often juxtaposed very rapidly - and the interludes between the narratives give Weir the chance to write woodwind solos of haunting lyricism. The use of silence, and of

In Ravel's Piano Concerto for the left hand there was more vitality: the orchestra sounded a little underpowered at climaxes, but the pianist, François-René Duchable, struck a few sparks in the Allegro section, and tapped a rich vein of dark eloquence in the opening Lento. If the orchestra seemed to hold back at climaxes, there was plenty of fine solo playing to enjoy, notably from the woodwind - and particularly the pungent Gallic bassoons and oboes.

In the suites from Bizet's *L'Arlesienne* and Fauré's *Pelléas et Mélisande* there was a foretaste of the austerity and restraint that was to dampen the effect of the Berlioz. *Pelléas* was measured and shapely, but not very atmospheric, and the Bizet suffered from the placing of the small ensemble far back on the platform. Music that should have addressed itself intimately to the audience thus sounded merely distant. This was a disappointing sequel to the orchestra's fine Debussy evening on Sunday.

Stephen Johnson

economical but striking musical gestures to underline moments of high drama, adds to the stylized but vivid atmosphere.

Linda Hirst was the mezzo, superbly alert to the kaleidoscopic range of characterization, and Odaline de la Martinez did well to maintain the ensemble of Lontano in such excellent shape through these wispy, asymmetric phrases. But singer and players (especially the redoubtable pianist Harold Lester) then undertook an even bigger music-theatre challenge: Berlioz's *Recital I*, written for the late Cathy Berberian.

The scene is a seedy dressing room, the one character is a world-weary professional singer, turning over the accumulated debris of her stage roles as she tells herself, without much confidence, that "there must be some place in the world that isn't a theatre".

Berlioz left it to the (real) singer to supply extracts from her own career: Hirst gave us an eclectic mixture, from *Dido and Aeneas* and *Fidelio* to "Send in the Clowns", all mixed in with Berlioz's squeals and grunts. The self-referential theatricality may seem too calculated, but the work's entertainment value remains high.

R.M.

Heaven can wait:
so can the viewers

TELEVISION

The Bishop of Edinburgh must have such confidence in the godliness of his flock that he feels able to leave them to their own devices while he fronts *When I Get to Heaven* (BBC1) for the uplift of a wider diocese. However, since His Grace comes across as a sales rep too different to get to the point of sale, one can only speculate as to what has brought him to this pass.

The series is essentially a colour-supplement idea which dolls up the standard biographical interview as something else: here, fantasies of the post-life situation. It certainly took an eternity for Edna O'Brien to get to the point, and only in the last five minutes did we learn that she would like heaven to be a vast kitchen garden bathed in seraphic light and staffed by Maria Callas and Mario Lanza belting out Verdi. There would also be drums and champagne. This may or may not have been edifying.

Furrowing his episcopal brow, the interviewer paraded a strong line in collusive sighs and sympathetic nods. "Goodness," he whispered as yet another instance of Irish bigotry swam up from the novelist's memory. "Ah yes," he hissed, coat-tailing on her love of

Chekhov and Hemingway. When it came to religious doubt, however, he boldly seized his cue. "God wants to affirm you," he explained in the outré vocabulary of the wily ecumenical. Coming from a Protestant churchman to a cradle Catholic, this deserved a medal for *chutzpah*.

Channel-hoppers alighting by chance on the first part of *Opening Up The Family Album* (Channel 4) will have been struck by the self-conscious prettiness of much of the filming. They will also have been hard put to discover the programme's theme, which seems to be a sort of sociology of the still photograph.

Bereft of titles and virtually without commentary, this was a prime example of the "unstructured" documentary, which affects to eschew authorial intervention but in fact simply has no shape. It was fine to show a breezy Southern beach photographer eyeing up the opposition in Blackpool, as it was to follow a group of children into a Welsh coal mine, where they were snapped posing as mini-miners. But these sections were unrelated, and it was a further curiosity that real people should agree to dilate on their abhorrence of cameras while sitting in front of one.

Martin Cropper

Too sleepy for subversion

THEATRE

The Admirable
Crichton
Theatre Royal,
Haymarket

J.M. Barrie, ever mindful of the financial clout of his Edwardian audiences, soothed their fears by calling this play "A Fantasy". The notion that an intelligent butler might make a more capable leader than a peer of the realm must have reminded them, along with Lady Bracknell, of the worst excesses of the French Revolution.

No matter that the dramatist personae on the 1908 programme lists the cast in order of rank: the Earl of Loam might head the batting and the name of Crichton, the butler, come below "A Naval Officer", a character with two lines to speak in the third act: if the social order could be turned upside down on a desert island, would the South Seas stay away forever from Belgrave Square?

It is a measure of the general brainlessness of plays of the period that a comedy provoking the mind as gently as this one should once have been considered a radical assault on society. For a play that contains a shipwreck, a social upheaval and a return to civilization, very little actually happens on stage. These excitements occur in the intervals - and Frith Banbury's plodding direction misses chances even here by failing to cover the first scene change with storm music that could prepare us for the Pacific island.

Once on the island, the most important piece of business to which a director and stage manager should apply themselves is suggesting the smell of Crichton's delicious stew that brings the

Hyde Park
The Pit

When James Shirley wrote this piece, a decade before the closing of the theatres in 1642, Hyde Park was a venue for horse-racing and athletics, and a place where you might hear both nightingales and cuckoos: a *ras in arde*, therefore, less formal than the parks and pleasure gardens of later times, certainly somewhere from which the cry "Come, to Knightsbridge!" could suggest more than a shopping expedition.

Informality is a feature of both the plotting and the codes of behaviour shown in this likeable comedy of amorous manners. There is a sense of open-air freedom, of never being quite sure how things are going to turn out,



Craggy splendour meets a faint smile: Rex Harrison as the Earl of Loam with Edward Fox as Crichton

stuck-up aristos back to his camp fire. Real onions are unnecessary, but it should not be beyond the wit of stage folk to counterfeited the look of wafting steam.

The production's sleepy course probably is the consequence of casting Rex Harrison as Lord Loam. Harrison is now an institution - anybody who has been doing much the same thing for 60 years automatically becomes one - but he does now have

trouble getting his words off pat. His profile is craggy splendour, and he makes an effort to look as though he is really playing the squeeze-box, but the opening scene was definitely sticky.

Harrison is 80 this year. Edward Fox, playing Crichton, gives a performance that seems aimed to persuade us he is almost as old. Courty, very faintly smiling, he gives us a Gielgud throb for poetic lines and recalls Richardson when

he breaks words into their constituent syllables, or puts extra syllables into words that only have one: "A Ki-i-ing? Oh-h-h!"

Niamh Cusack's Lady Mary has spirit and Margaret Courteney helps to quicken the pace of the last act. But a production must be far sprier than this to interest us in this old play today.

Jeremy Kingston

Meanwhile, Fairfield's sister Julietta, excellently played as a blushing English rose with unexpected reserves of determination by Felicity Dean, is being subjected to a test of constancy by Trier, making use of the rapacious Lord Bonville (the Machiavellian-looking John Marsh). Without giving the game away, one can say that neither this nor the third love-intrigue, involving the return of a husband supposedly lost at sea, ends in the expected way.

Shirley's would-be Shakespearean resolution has a provisional, tacked-on feel but, in tracing the manners of young people of his time in love, he has been engaged in a different pursuit, well worth the chance of seeing again.

Harry Eyres

Love in the park

in his beret, baggy cards and sandals, but the portraits he does of his friends' girlfriends are more in the style of Klimt.

Mistress Carol, one of a line of witty, articulate young ladies whose professed scorn of love leads back to Beatrice, is brilliantly incarnated by Fiona Shaw as a more frivolous Virginia Woolf, with just a dash of Joyce Grenfell thrown in. She is all angular features and extravagant gestures, making her less intelligent suitors dance to her fantastic tune until Fairfield (Alex Jennings, hang-dog but fly) traps her by making her swear not to love him.

Kyle takes his cue from the open-air setting of the middle two acts, transporting us to a world of young bohemians, somewhere between the Paris of the Impressionists and the Bloomsbury of the 1920s. Frank Trier (James Fleet) looks like a young Augustus John

DANCE

Soloists
on showDance Theatre
of Harlem
Coliseum

For Monday night's programme by Dance Theatre of Harlem, the incomparable Balanchine provided two works: the pure classic beauty of *Concerto Barocco* and the innovative, extraordinarily influential neo-classicism of *The Four Temperaments*.

Barocco suffered from Milton Rosenstock's heavy conducting hand on the Bach double violin concerto (its soloists shamefully unnamed). Also the dancing lacked the crispness and energy which this company used to show.

Four Temperaments fared better. Again the ensemble was adequate but without much distinction. However, there were some good solo performances, notably from Virginia Johnson in the Sanguine Variation, Lorraine Graves as Choleric, and Christina Johnson and Hugues Magen for their firm statement of the third theme.

Both those works come from the repertoire of New York City Ballet, and there have been times when Harlem's dancers matched that company in some of the Balanchine ballets. But not this time.

With the robust humour of Jerome Robbins's *Fancy Free* they looked more at home, although, like the NYCB, the characters are not fully differentiated. Robert Garland now cheerfully and athletically joins Donald Williams and Tyrone Brooks in the trio of sailors on shore leave, and Kermit Love's costume designs help the women they meet to establish a convincing impression of what life was like in 1944.

The *Corsair pas de deux* completed the programme, which may help catch an audience from the Kirov Ballet at Covent Garden - although it seems quaint to find a programme, published by the Entertainment Corporation of all managements, this week of all weeks, stating that this duet is all that survives of the full ballet.

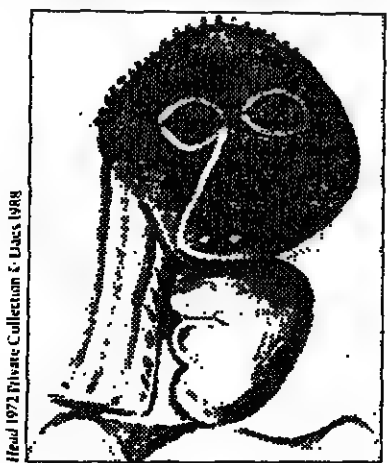
Judy Tyrus dances prettily in a solo modelled on the Fonteyn version. Eddie Shellman unfortunately spoils his solos by breaking them up to reach after various trick steps, not always successfully. This is a questionable practice even when done by a Razamat; entirely silly here. He would look far better dancing it straight.

John Percival

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Taking to the hills



Odd couple: When Ruth (Juliet Stevenson), a middle-class English woman, moves to Wales she falls in love with Thomas (Dafydd Hywel), the shy son of a sheep farmer (BBC2, 9.25pm)

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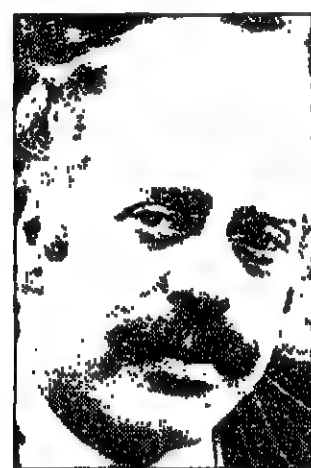
Tom Clarke's portrait of Wales is very different from the expensive and expensive advertisements extolling the chorality of its valleys and the opportunities for business. His sheep farmers struggle to make ends meet in a community that is by and large crabbed, suspicious and taciturn. *Out of Love* (BBC2, 9.25pm) traces the ill-fated romance between a timid hill farmer (Dafydd Hywel), despoiled by his first wife and still under his father's thumb at 40, with an English woman, Ruth (Juliet Stevenson), who has forsaken her middle-class background for a life of rural hardship that at least offers independence. This in itself is remarkable in a region where family ties dominate: sons are expected to stay on the land and serve their fathers for little reward other than eventual inheritance. Ruth's lack of subservience is at odds in this remote community where chapel and hypocrisy exist in equal measure, and her affair soon stirs up envy and malice. *Out of Love* never quite makes it plain why the couple fall in love in the first place unless it is the mantle of prevailing doom that drives them into each other's arms. Certainly any passion risks looking inconsequential and merely pastoral (not helped here by obvious flute music). The main reason for watching *Out of Love* is that it features one of our best younger actresses, Juliet Stevenson, who was seen in *Life Story* and *Stanley*. Because she is not beautiful (though the camera favours her) there is no vanity to her acting, which has an unusual simplicity. Her performances are direct, uncluttered and to the point.

Chris Petit

Poetry before wicket

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BBC1

- 6.00 **Coastal AM**, News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
- 6.35 **Leos Enrol in Secretary Trouble** (b/w). 6.55 **Weather**.
- 7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Kirsty Wark and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27.
- 8.35 **I Found a Dog** (b/w) with Garry Gray. 8.55 **Regional News** and weather.
- 9.00 **News** and weather.
- 9.05 **But First This!** with Andy Crane starts with *The Pink Panther Show*. Three cartoons (r). 9.25 **Why Don't You...?** 7 Seafin has the solution for dirty windows; and Emma discovers a sweet tooth. 9.50 **Laurel and Hardy**. Cartoon.
- 10.00 **News** and weather, followed by *Gentle Ben*. Adventures of a boy and his pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard (Coastal) (r).
- 10.30 **Play School** presented by Brian Jameson, with guest Janet Palmer (r). 10.55 **Five to Eleven** with pupils from St. Andrew's Primary School, Forest Hill, London SE20. Performance 7.30pm. School play on ground 52.
- 11.00 **News** and weather, followed by *Undersea Kingdom* (b/w). Episode 11 of the 12-part cliffhanger serial starring Ray "Grash" Corrigan.
- 11.25 **Great Mysteries**. Harry Lincoln examines the legend of Michael Nostradamus, the 16th-century prophet who apparently foresaw the death of John F. Kennedy and the rise of Adolf Hitler (r).
- 12.00 **News** and weather, followed by *The Garden Party*. Viv Lindwood, Gordon Holmes and Roddy Llewellyn at Glasgow's International Garden Festival. 12.55 **Regional News** and weather.
- 1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather.

BBC2

- 6.55 **Open University**. Manpower Services and the School. Ends at 7.30am.
- 9.00 **Coastal**.
- 10.30 **Cricket**. Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud introduce live coverage of both Test's semifinals in the NatWest Bank Trophy. With commentators Jack Banister, Ray Illingworth, Tom Graveney, Ted Dexter and David Acland.
- 12.50 **Coastal**.
- 1.20 **Pigeon Street** (r).
- 1.35 **Cricket**. Continued coverage of the NatWest Bank Trophy semifinals, including 2.00 and 3.50 **News** and weather; 3.50 **News** and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
- In the event of the cricket over-running, the following programme may be postponed.
- 7.40 **Mediterranean Cookery**. Claudia Roden visits Spain to sample the gastronomic delights on offer beyond the package-holiday resorts. From Catalonia to Andalusia she tastes authentic Spanish cuisine including paella, tapas and gazpacho (Coastal) (r).

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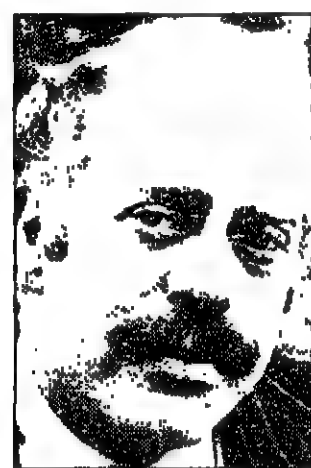
- 6.00 **TV-am** begins with *The Morning Programme* introduced by Richard Ebersole. 6.30 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. 6.50 **Wacaday** for the young, with Timmy Mallet.
- 8.25 **Thames news** and weather.
- 9.30 **Whose Baby?** Newman, Halki Bagnall and Ted Rogers try to guess the identities of celebrity parents of a succession of toddlers. Presented by Bernie Winters.
- 10.00 **News** and weather. 10.25 **News** headlines. 10.30 **Bugs Bunny** (r). 10.35 **Disney's The Wuzzles** (r). 11.00 **Tower** (r). 11.10 **World 11.25** Thames news.
- 11.30 **Way of the Lakes**. Tony Warburton walks the fells from Rosthwaite to Grasmere via Walendath and Ambthor.
- 12.00 **Tha's My Dog**. Canine quiz presented by Derek Hootson.
- 12.30 **The Suburban**. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
- 1.00 **News** at One with Jon Snow.
- 1.20 **Thames news** and weather followed by *Crimestoppers*.
- 1.30 **A Country Practice**. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian sheep township.
- 2.30 **Heirloom**. Antiques from China and Japan 3.00 **Take the High Road**. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands. 3.25 **Thames news** and weather. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**. Australian family drama.
- 4.00 **The Little Green Man** (r). 4.10 **Rub a Dub Dub** (r). 4.20 **Billy and Bunty**. An award-winning animated film.
- 4.50 **Relativity**. Chris Kelly and Gaz Top discover how television commercials are made.
- 5.15 **Give Us a Cue**. Celebrity charades game presented by Michael Parkinson (r).
- 5.45 **News** with Michael Armstrong.
- 6.00 **Thames news** and weather.
- 6.30 **Emmerdale Farm**. Wilks is determined to send Marian home.

CHANNEL 4

- 12.00 **Just 4 Fun**. A programme for both deaf and hearing children (r).
- 12.30 **Swimming Daily**.
- 1.00 **Swimming Daily**. Pre-school learning series. The guest is learning Larry Simon.
- 2.00 **Time the Conqueror** (1955) starring John Wayne and Susan Hayward. Twelve episodes drama about the legendary Genghis Khan. Directed by Dick Powell.
- 4.00 **Scotland For Sport** (1955). Stage York to Manchester, a distance of 105.9 miles.
- 4.30 **Countdown**.
- 5.00 **Kellogg's Tour of Britain**. Stage York to Manchester, a distance of 105.9 miles.
- 5.30 **Mark & Minky**. Comedy series about a visitor from outer space and the girl who befriends him.
- 6.00 **Family Tree**. American domestic comedy series.
- 6.30 **News Working**. The frustrations and hardships of a working mother.
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Sue Carver.
- 7.30 **Compass** followed by *Weather*.

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MP finds 'a smoking gun' in Waldheim investigation

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Evidence has been submitted to the Ministry of Defence establishing a close link between President Kurt Waldheim of Austria and the interrogation of an Allied officer who is believed to have been secretly executed by the Germans in 1944, a Conservative MP said yesterday.

Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP for Cambridge, said that Dr Waldheim personally signed the official German Army report of the interrogation of Captain "Bunny" Warren, an Australian officer, who was captured while on special operations in Greece.

While this did not prove that Dr Waldheim carried out the interrogation, it linked him "personally and directly" with the case, Mr Rhodes James said. The evidence was obtained by Colonel Christopher "Monty" Woodhouse, who led Force 133, the Special Operations unit to which Captain Warren was attached. He subsequently became a Conservative MP.

Mr Rhodes James said the report had been made available to a Ministry of Defence team which is investigating whether Dr Waldheim had any responsibility for British officers captured in Greece being sent for "special treatment", the German euphemism for execution.

The Ministry carried out an inconclusive investigation in 1986, but it began a further review in April and is expected to publish a follow-up report in the autumn. It will take account of another report earlier this year by a commission of international historians appointed by the Austrian Government.

Mr Rhodes James, who worked in Dr Waldheim's private office when he was Secretary-General of the United Nations in the 1970s, announced Colonel Woodhouse's evidence in a speech in Cambridge. He told *The Times* that he had permission from Colonel Woodhouse to do so. "We have now found the smoking gun. What is so important is that these cases link Waldheim personally and directly with war crimes, rather than general involvement as an intelligence officer with massive events in which he was only a participant," he said.

But it is not certain that the Ministry will interpret the new evidence in the same way. Mr Rhodes James made it clear that he is not impartial on Dr Waldheim's guilt or innocence. Sir Harry Hinsley, the British historian, is to review the Ministry's report for objectivity and completeness before it is released.

Dr Waldheim was a Wehrmacht intelligence officer serving in Salonika in 1944, when Captain Warren disappeared. He was captured by German troops while trying to smuggle a group of escaped prisoners of war across the Adriatic to Italy, and was taken to Salonika.

Colonel Woodhouse could not be contacted yesterday but has told *The Times* previously: "The last anyone heard of him was that he was shot."

Dr Waldheim has consistently denied involvement in the interrogation of British and Commonwealth prisoners or in sending them for "special treatment".

Celebrations for father and the souvenir trade

Preparing for the new baby business

By Edward Gorman

Up and down the country yesterday designers of mugs, plates, tea-towels, duffel-coats and even baby dolls were preparing to do business.

Mr Frank Martin, managing director of Coleroll's ceramics division, has 10,000 blank commemorative mugs ready to go to the shops at 24 hours' notice.

Other items in waiting include 1,000 white fine bone china mugs by Wedgwood which will sell at £21; and four limited editions including a run of 25 Durrant vases to sell in the shops at £149.95 by Caverswall China.

The latest Royal birth apparently does not rank as a significant enough event to set the memorabilia and souvenir industry buzzing. There has been no more than "a steady trickle" of enquiries at the Lord Chamberlain's office in Buckingham Palace which is normally swamped with requests to reproduce Royal emblems after Royal weddings, marriages and births.

Mr Hugh Gibson, managing director at Royal Crown Derby stepped carefully when he explained that he had decided on only one limited edition mug priced between £10 and £15 because his company is "very busy at the moment".

He said the birth of the new princess ranked third in souvenir terms after, say, the Queen Mother's upcoming ninetieth birthday for which he would produce a Loving Cup at around £90, and major Royal happenings such as the Prince of Wales's marriage warranting limited editions at £500 pounds or more.

At Harrods the verdict was even more clear-cut. Miss Vicki Kershaw said: "It's a bit naff isn't it? We may have some commemorative china but there'll be no special gold-plated nappies or anything."

Coleroll's Mr Martin said however, of his mugs: "We've already sold getting on for half by mail order and we confidently expect the rest to go quickly in general retail trade. I certainly wouldn't describe the birth as a second rate event."

Meanwhile, as the Royal craftsmen set to work on the baby princess's christening cake yesterday the Duchess of York received the first copy of a new Royal lullaby to commemorate the birth.

It came in the world's largest record sleeve and was delivered to the Duchess at the Portland Hospital.

The lullaby is part of a Suite written by John Valler for the Duke and Duchess at the request of Clarence House, and was first performed by him in London at a concert attended by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The music is based in the keys of A for Prince Andrew, F for "Fergie", and E representing the Queen and the Queen Mother.



The Duke of York bearing roses for his wife yesterday as he arrived at Portland Hospital (Photograph: Marc Aspland).



Mrs Susan Barrantes, the Duchess of York's mother, and the Queen enjoying their grandmotherhood yesterday.

Meanwhile a dairy in Newbury, Berkshire, has printed a special run of silver tops with the legend "Congratulations to Andrew and Sarah" for its bottles. The citizens of Paisley congratulated the Queen on the Royal birth when she visited Paisley, Strathclyde, which is celebrating its five-hundredth anniversary. Mrs Margaret McKenna

said: "Congratulations grandpa" to the Duke of Edinburgh and received a "Thank you", and her friend, Mrs Margaret Brandon, greeted the Queen with a more formal "Congratulations, your Majesty".

The Queen, the popular Press was certain, would disclose precious details of the birth during her walkabout in the town centre yesterday.

However as reporters zig-zagged from one side of the streets to another, questioning those who might have come close to sharing the Queen's innermost thoughts, it became clear that even the local people could not extract any secrets.

One reporter was reduced to highlighting the significance of the Queen wearing a pink outfit. Later, in a car park, several compared notes to see if they had missed some gem.

From across the road a man emerged from a public house to inquire whether they were from Special Branch.

About 10,000 people turned out to see the Queen.

The Royal party attended a service at Paisley Abbey. Afterwards the Queen and the Duke travelled to Glasgow's King George V dock where they boarded the Royal Yacht

Thatcher tells Gulf patrol to keep vigil

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whole of the Western world" and she renewed her promise that the Armilla Patrol would stay in action until the Government was certain that there was no further threat to merchant shipping.

"It is my great privilege today to come aboard and thank you personally and also to thank your families who are proud of the work you are doing and who have to make considerable sacrifices for you to be here," she said.

At one stage Mrs Thatcher was shown a merchant vessel which had suffered a missile attack, though not while under the protection of the Armilla Patrol. The Iranians have launched attacks in the past within a mile of the Dubai coast.

It was the Prime Minister's first visit to a Royal Navy vessel on active operations since she went on board HMS Antrim in San Carlos Bay on her visit to the Falklands in January 1983.

Mrs Thatcher said that Britain would continue to offer every assistance to the United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, in efforts to achieve a rapid ceasefire and full implementation of Security Council Resolution 598.

She warned the Armilla Patrol not to drop its guard. "Everyone has to be just as much on guard as they were last week and the week before."

The Prime Minister spent nearly two hours talking to officers and men from the Armilla Patrol and the mine-sweeping force. The patrol currently consists of HMS Manchester, the frigates HMS Charybdis and HMS London and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary HMS Tidespring.

She also congratulated the Hunt Class MCMVs (Mine Counter Measure Vessels) HMS Dulverton, HMS Middleton and HMS Aberton, the command ship HMS Herald and the RFA Diligence, which have been working with single mine-sweepers from Belgium and The Netherlands in Operation Calendar to clear the Gulf shipping lanes.

The Armilla Patrol has been operating since the early days of the Gulf conflict in 1980, extending its operations further into the Gulf as attacks on neutral shipping intensified after 1984.

Currently it accompanies some 80 British-flagged or majority-owned vessels each month through the Straits of Hormuz - twice the number accompanied by the navies of all other nations operating in the area. Largely thanks to that, the Ministry of Defence believes of the 518 attacks so far on neutral shipping only 12 have involved British ships, five of those permanently anchored as storage vessels.

The Armilla Patrol has never yet been fired upon or had to open fire and has never refused to accompany an entitled vessel.

Parents face a £50 fine under new seat belt law

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to be determined how the law would apply to large families with several children.

Concern over the effect of the new law on school runs, with parents sharing the duty of taking children to and from school, was voiced throughout the Bill's passage by MPs and peers. It was pointed out that it would be impossible to fit enough mounting devices for perhaps six children. It was also said that allowing two or three children to use the restraints would obviously reduce the space in the back for the children who could not use them, and increase the risk to them. The legislation provides however that all the seat belts fitted are in use.

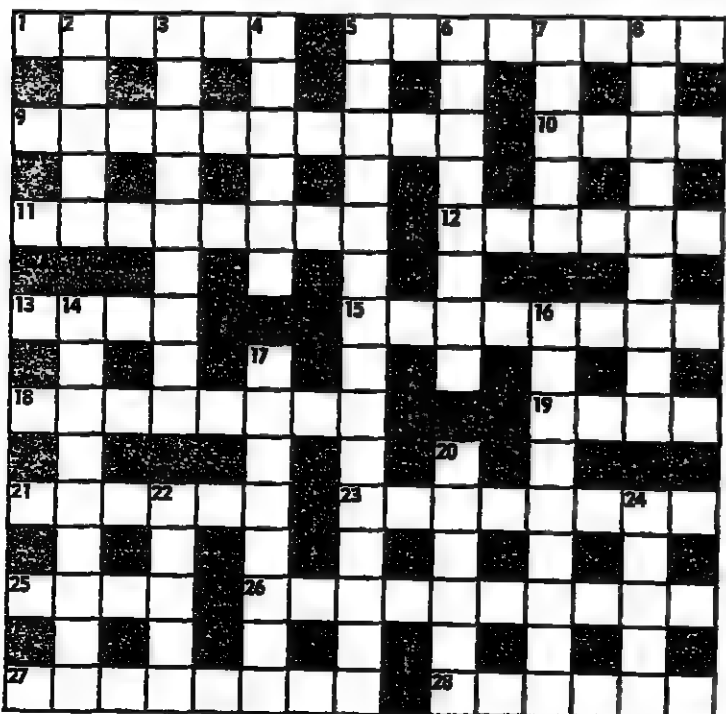
Ministers accept that there are obvious anomalies in the new law. Rear seat belts have had to be compulsorily fitted to new cars since April 1987.

But cars built before then are not obliged to have rear restraints, although millions do. MPs remarked on the apparent inequity of parents who had voluntarily fitted restraints at their own expense being hauled before the courts, and others who had never bothered to fit restraints being free to drive their children around unbelted without fear of prosecution.

The Government is keeping under review the possibility that it might one day require all cars to have rear seat belts fitted, but, according to senior Whitehall sources yesterday, legislation is not imminent.

Ministers, who accept that there are inconsistencies in the present position, have argued that it would be irresponsible to expose children to unnecessary risk where the means are available to protect them from death and serious injury.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,744



ACROSS

- 1 Keen insight shown by a hundred upper-class types (6).
- 5 Unsnarl a coil jam in the pottery (8).
- 9 Magnificent racer gets green light from the freight-handler (10).
- 10 In Rome both are seen in the pulpit (4).
- 11 One to share one's board, or bungle victory on another? (8).
- 12 Down south of this in Ireland (6).
- 13 Return knocks as they do in a ring (4).
- 15 Terrible end the noted Manxman came to, as bushranger (3,5).
- 18 Ring of fire Alice played with (8).
- 19 Letter shows the first nine in reverse (4).
- 21 Repeat order once more without the doctor (6).
- 23 Like one's ideas - not an island, many conclude (8).
- 25 One of the chosen people, we hear, in ancient Britain? (4).
- 26 Being Latin perhaps, like Macbeth's imaginary dagger? (10).
- 27 Win back the game or retire hurt before victory celebration (8).

- 28 Some run about to catch the other (6).

DOWN

- 1 Widow's oil supply for a sea-trip, say? (5).
- 3 Marine danger from West with many a wild storm (9).
- 4 A peach out West - a honey! (6).
- 5 Did she perhaps aim to entertain the last of the rabble with cake? (5,10).
- 6 Danger when in France I work on yard mystery (8).
- 7 Minimum of a quarter allowed to go round (5).
- 8 Car transport hired to take in old Brazilian capital (9).
- 14 Lady's costume for a dance with Chopin (9).
- 16 Record one volume about island put in a nutshell (9).
- 17 But were the saviours of Rome so silly? (8).
- 20 A keynote that's unaccented (6).
- 22 Aquatic mammal of 'tiger degree' (5).
- 24 Parcel out a tax return (5).

The clue to 26 across in yesterday's crossword puzzle should have read: Dandy city where *Macbeth* had his last attack?

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

APOTROPAIC

- a. Turning away from the sun
- b. Exorcising
- c. Away from the tropics

MANGOED

- a. Like a mango
- b. Pledge for "the west"
- c. The Isle of Man Council

OCTROY

- a. The original Islam
- b. An import tax
- c. Rule of eight kings

PAYONINE

- a. A slow solo dance
- b. Pertaining to peacocks
- c. A disjunctive factor of nine

Answers on page 16, column 1

Solutions to Puzzle No 17,743

ACROSS
1. PLOUGH
5. UNRAVEL
9. GREEN LIGHT
10. FREIGHT
11. SHARE
12. IRELAND
13. KNOCKS
15. MANX
18. FIRE
19. NINE
21. ORDER
23. IDEAS
25. CHosen
26. DANDY
27. WIN
28. OTHER

DOWN
1. WIDOW
3. MARINE
4. HONEY
5. CAKE
6. FRANCE
7. QUARTER
8. CAR
14. LADY
16. ISLAND
17. ROME
20. KEYNOTE
22. TIGER
24. TAX

Concise crossword, page 16

WEATHER

Much of Scotland, Northern Ireland, north-west England and north Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, hill and coastal fog. Eastern Scotland, Shetland, north-east, central and south-west England and south Wales will have a bright start but will turn cloudy with a little rain. After a sunny start south-east England, the east Midlands and East Anglia will have showers. Outlook: sunshine and showers.

ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
Algeria	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Amman	20-25	SE	2-4	clear
Algiers	31-36	SE	2-4	clear
Antwerp	22-27	SE	2-4	clear
Athens	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Batavia	40-45	SE	2-4	clear
Bombay	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Buenos Aires	20-25	SE	2-4	clear
Calcutta	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Cairo	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Colon	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Cebu	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Delhi	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Dhaka	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Hankow	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Hong Kong	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Kobe	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
London	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Lyons	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Manila	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Medan	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Osaka	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Paris	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Peking	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Rangoon	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
San Francisco	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Singapore	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Sourabaya	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Taipei	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Tokyo	30-35	SE	2-4	clear
Yokohama	30-35	SE	2-4	clear

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Scarbore	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Nurston	8.5	.06	.22	.72	.72	.72	.72
Lowland	3.8	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Lowland	3.8	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Marple	3.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Hastings	8.8	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	7.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Brighol	7.5	.01	.50	.20	.70	.70	.70
Worling	7.4	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Leitham	7.1	.01	.1	.73	.73	.73	.73
Widnes	6.1	.01	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Southsea	9.2	.22	.22	.72	.72	.72	.72
Widnes	8.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Southsea	10.2	.02	.22	.72	.72	.72	.72
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Torquay	8.7	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Penzance	9.2	.03	.18	.68	.68	.68	.68
Scilly Isles	8.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	9.2	.02	.18	.68	.68	.68	.68
Widnes	0.7	.01	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Douglas	5.1	.34	.17	.38	.38	.38	.38
Spidon	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Leitham	10.1	.07	.22	.72	.72	.72	.72
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Ampney	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Colwyn Bay	5.2	.04	.19	.69	.69	.69	.69
Torquay	1.1	.15	.18	.64	.64	.64	.64
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Avenmore	3.6	.13	.18	.68	.68	.68	.68
Edinburgh	8.2	.34	.17	.38	.38	.38	.38
Edinburgh	2.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Leitham	3.6	.13	.18	.68	.68	.68	.68
Frederick	6.3	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Widnes	9.6	.11	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Three	4.3	.50	.16	.61	.61	.61	.61
Widnes	1.5	.24	.16	.61	.61	.61	.61

Growth in manufacturing pay deals eases, says CBI

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Manufacturing industry pay settlements in the second quarter of this year eased back from the sharply higher levels of the first quarter. But in the private services sector, pay settlements rose in the first six months.

This picture of pay movements emerges from the latest provisional figures from the pay database of the Confederation of British Industry. Its employment affairs report cites companies' needs to recruit and retain employees as being one of the most important upward pressures on pay.

Manufacturing industry pay awards in the second quarter are provisionally put at an average 5.9 per cent, compared with 6 per cent in the previous three months. Increases of 6 per cent or more were last seen in the first quarter of 1986. Last year, quarterly increases ranged from 5 to 5.8 per cent but stood at 5.6 per cent in the fourth quarter.

Since last August just under a half of manufacturing settlements have been at or below 5.5 per cent. Another quarter fell between 5.5 per cent and 6.5 per cent.

In the private services sector the average increase in the first half of this year was estimated at 6.8 per cent against 6.7 per cent in the second half of last year. More than half the companies in the services sector pointed to recruitment and retention factors as the key upward pressure on pay levels.

British unit labour costs rose 2.4 per cent in the 12 months to last May — a slow increase, according to the CBI. But Britain's competitors were doing much better. In about the same period, the US and West Germany held these costs level while reductions were achieved by Japan (down 6.1 per cent) and France (down 0.9 per cent).

Earnings increases in Britain were 8.75 per cent in the year to May but in competitor countries barely half such gains were seen. Japan had a 4.1 per cent increase but America, West Germany and France held below 4 per cent. Britain, however, came out well on labour productivity, with the exception of Japan. Output per person employed in Britain rose 6.6 per cent in the 12 months to May, ahead of the US (up 4 per cent), West Germany (up 5 per cent) and France (up 4 per cent). Japan's improvement was 12.1 per cent.

The CBI calls for more action from companies to create better training, a wider recruitment net, better employee involvement and new approaches to equal opportunities, including career breaks for women. It also wants the Government to make changes in equal pay laws, review the wages councils and develop the existing profit-related pay scheme.

Rink pays £1.72m for J&B arm

Wolstenholme Rink, the printing materials maker under £28 million takeover threat from Cookson Group, is paying £1.72 million cash for the offset metallic ink and aluminium paste business of Johnson & Bloy.

Johnson sued Wolstenholme this year over the defection of a former employee from the division now changing hands. The two groups settled out of court with a contribution by Wolstenholme to Johnson's costs.

Mr Tony Rink, joint managing director, said the deal, approved in principle before the formal bid from Cookson, was a "very, very important strategic acquisition."

Spong goes into the red

Spong Holdings, the houseware manufacturer, made a pre-tax loss of £79,000 in the six months to April, against a profit last year of £131,000, on turnover up 20 per cent to £97.9 million. There is no interim dividend.

The company said the benefits of a restructuring programme would only start to show through late this year. It admitted problems at two subsidiaries, Spong Retail Systems and Spong Housewares, but action had been taken.

Profits blow for Fairway

The shares of Fairway (London), supplier of business stationery to the City, fell 7p to 56p on lower profits for the half-year to end-June. The company says it continues to be affected by market conditions and has been trying to broaden its client base.

Pre-tax profits fell from £358,000 to £285,000 on a turnover of £2.57 million (£2.64 million). Fairway, which joined the USM last November after a placing at 74p a share, declared a maiden interim dividend of 1p.

GPA lift-off

GPA Group, the private Irish aircraft leasing company, raised profits after tax in the first quarter of its financial year to \$34.4 million (£20 million) from \$23.8 million. Earnings per share grew by 26 per cent to \$6.53.

Terram sold

Imperial Chemical Industries is to sell its Terram geotextile business to Exxon Chemical (UK). No price was given but ICI said it was less than 0.5 per cent of ICI's group assets.

No reference

The £72.5 million management buyout of the John Crompton cloth and clothing business from Colnbrook will not go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Halifax pays an Xtra high City rental

It has not taken the Halifax Building Society long to find a use for the cash it is saving in merchant banker's fees: it is paying it out in rent.

Halifax, which has just set its face against going for plc status, opting instead to retain its mutual status, has achieved the dubious distinction of paying the highest recorded rent, so far, for a City building. The frugal force from somewhere near Leeds has agreed a starting rent of £67.50 per square foot for the lease of 34,000 sq ft of space at 62 Cornhill, just round the corner from the Bank of England. In total, the annual rental for this one branch with offices above will be £2.1 million. Halifax plans to claw back some of the rent by subletting, although chief executive Jim Birrell will not be drawn on how much of the eventual rental bill the society will pay.

The Cornhill site is, without doubt, a location of prestige. The building, put up by Greycoat Group, is first class. And somebody always has to set the pace of the market. But it is questionable whether it should be a building society, even the world's biggest building society, pushing back the frontiers of commercial rentals.

Mr Birrell sees 62 Cornhill as just another branch to add to the collection of outlets it already has in the Square Mile. It is in Copthall Avenue, Moorgate, St Mary Axe, Gresham Street and Cannon Street and reckons that the thicker its premises on the ground, the greater its penetration of the City money machine. The new branch will also provide more congenial surroundings for setting up meetings, which have hitherto had to take place in a remote area of London — the Strand.

While there are customers such as the Halifax around, the property developers will carry on smiling. There are rumours around the market that Halifax's £67.50 per square foot (which translates into several thousand pounds per desk per year) will soon be topped by a rental of £70, or even a little more, in Moorgate, where Great Portland Estates has rebuilt a slightly larger property behind an old facade.

The uncertain element is whether these super-lettings are indicative of a market trend, or simply blips on a flat landscape put there by people like the Halifax who get involved in a competitive situation for a specific building. It appears that the major space units, such as Broadgate, have been on a rental plateau for the best part of six months, and are expected to stay there until the impact of Canary Wharf and other off-centre schemes can be more accurately predicted.

Meanwhile, such headline-catching rentals will do nothing to discourage the enthusiasm of overseas investment property buyers who are descending on the London market with their cheque books at the ready. But they should beware, property is a laggard in the economic cycle and Halifax may have lit the fuse which will ignite the beacon signalling the top of the current wave.

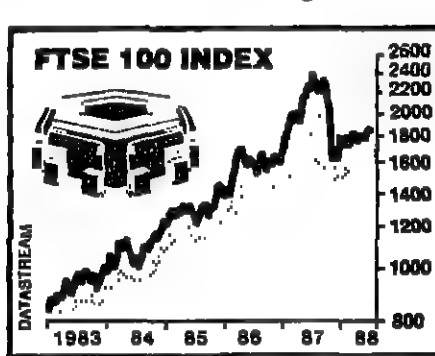
Return to the old ways

Falls in share prices yesterday were remarkably modest. The equity market has proved strikingly resilient in tone to the latest interest rate rise. That is a telling sign of strength — or myopia — in the face of what appears to be a concerted international move to higher interest rates. Money costs forge half the scissors of yield and profit hopes that determine share prices. And there is no reason to think that profit expectations have suddenly improved.

Resilience reflects the trend. That shows a confident, almost slavish, return to the old pattern of steady growth in share prices after investors recovered from the irrational boom of 1987 and the sudden bust of last October.

For the institutions, the logic is clear. Shares may yield less than 4.2 per cent on average. But, with inflation moving above 5 per cent, that is not too demanding compared with gilt-edged yields averaging 7.9 per cent. Moreover, dividends are for once rising faster than expected earnings as companies appreciate the message of the Budget income tax changes and try to defend themselves from takeover bids.

Two questions remain. Why have long-term fixed interest yields not seriously adjusted to 11 per cent base rates? And will summer policy measures to stop the economy overheating have any material effects on profit growth? The market's answer on the domestic



economy is clear. The confident view, largely reflected in currency markets, is that short-term interest rate rises will nip rising inflation in the bud before much serious damage is done — and without interrupting the trend of economic growth.

The American dimension remains, brooding over equity markets yesterday as it did last October. Traditional bears, exemplified by Jeffrey Thompson of BZW, still fear chaos in markets after the new US President arrives on the scene in January and has to cope with the legacy of budget and trade deficits that show few signs of going away.

The mooted second leg of the bear market is, however, now a fear rather than a prediction. Meanwhile, there is little to push the FT-SE 100-share index those few points that would return it permanently above 1,900.

BBA races to £27.8m interim

By Colin Campbell

BBA Group, the diversified motor components, industrial textiles and engineering products group, has lifted interim pre-tax profits to £27.8 million for the six months ended June 30, from £19.5 million previously.

The interim dividend rises by 21 per cent from 1.2p to 1.45p a share.

Dr John White, the chief executive, and Mr Peter Clappison, the financial director, said that all divisions were close to, or were exceeding, their budgets so far in the second half.

They inferred that because of the generous dividend cover there was reasonable scope for an improved final dividend.

The group, which recently completed the acquisition of Guthrie Corporation, is working on a reduction in its gearing which it warned would rise because of the Guthrie deal. It is now about 100 per cent.

Dr White yesterday outlined various company and property sales, and also the signing of a £12 million option agreement over BBA's Auto Safety Centres, which operate throughout 50 networks in Britain, with a subsidiary of



John White and Peter Clappison: budgets being beaten (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance)

Shell UK. The Shell offshoot, Superdrive, has paid £2.5 million for the option which is exercisable between May and December, 1989. In the meantime it will use the trade name

ASC for a trial period at selected outlets. BBA's interim sales rose from £339.7 million to £449.1 million. BBA says there was strong

demand in the original equipment and replacement sectors of the car parts market. Industrial textiles and engineering products improved. *Times, page 20*

Royal 'in talks with French'

By Richard Thomson

Royal Insurance is believed to be negotiating for the acquisition of insurance interests from Compagnie Financière du Groupe Victoire, the French investment company, although neither company would comment on strong speculation in Paris yesterday.

Victoire owns Abeille, the life and general insurance company, which Royal is understood to want to buy. In return, Victoire would receive a substantial shareholding of 20 to 30 per cent in Royal. The deal would increase Royal's exposure in Europe — a long-term strategic aim of the company — while reducing its dependence on the US commercial insurance market.

Some observers believe Royal may announce a deal as early as next week.

Anger as Elders lifts S&N stake

By Our Industrial Editor

Mr John Elliott's Elders IXL has increased its stake in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries to 9.33 per cent from 8.9 per cent — and immediately precipitated a row.

The stake-building was condemned as a self-interest move that was damaging to Scottish & Newcastle.

Mr Alick Rankin, group chief executive, said: "In June we said that any further increase in the Elders shareholding would be to the disadvantage of the company's commercial and trading interests. Elders has now decided to act in a way which is likely to inhibit the very successful Scottish & Newcastle business."

He added: "Elders should explain clearly why it has chosen to act in such a self-interested way. When there is something unknown about the

prospects which a company faces it makes it very difficult indeed to carry out commercial negotiations."

The latest move by Mr Elliott, the Australian who moved into British brewing by buying Courage, fuelled speculation about a possible takeover bid by Elders for Scottish & Newcastle.

But in the City expectations are that with the Scottish & Newcastle share price remaining comparatively high a takeover move by Elders is unlikely for the time being.

It is also being argued by some analysts that it might suit Elders to hold off because of monopoly implications in mounting a bid.

Scottish & Newcastle shares, initially marked up when the share stake announcement was made, ended 2p down at 337p.

Gulliver wins 83% acceptance

By Lawrence Lever

Shareholders owning 83 per cent of Harris Queensway, the furniture to carpets group, have accepted the offer for the group from the Lowndes consortium led by Mr James Gulliver.

The 83 per cent includes irrevocable acceptances from Sir Philip Harris and his family, as well as from Great Universal Stores, which owns more than 23 per cent.

Sir Philip's interests and GUS have opted for the partial cash alternative in respect of shares totalling 38.7 per cent of the group. Of the remaining acceptances received, choice of the partial cash alternative was made in respect of more than 26 million ordinary Harris Queensway shares, 11.2 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital.

The partial cash alternative closes at 3pm on August 22.

Mr Dale's Yorkshire protest

There is a fluttering in the dovecotes in North Yorkshire over the cost of the audit for Helmsley parish council. Mr John Dale, clerk of the council for the popular tourist village, is spearheading a one-man protest to Ryedale district council about using Price Waterhouse to audit the Helmsley books. His beef is that PW's last audit cost the council £135 which Mr Dale says compares with £40 when the work was done by district auditors. He is also complaining about the length of time PW takes to return the books after the audit — six weeks instead of a few days as in the past. But I have bad news for Mr Dale. Much as I am tempted to support one man's fight against a juggernaut of an organization, I fear he is out of touch with current costs. Since the Audit Commission opened up local authority audits to the private sector, accountancy firms which have taken on the work are charging the same rate, £15.50 per hour, as district auditors — a requirement laid down by the Government. The basis on which councils are charged for audits has changed, too. Costs are now based on an hourly rate rather than income and expenditure as before. And then there is inflation. The last word from Price Waterhouse? Some of the £135 charged to Helmsley includes travelling to and from its Newcastle upon Tyne office and other expenses. Sorry, Mr Dale.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Cheese mine banished

Dr John White, the chief executive of the diversified BBA group, was not Professor Roland Smith's first PhD student for nothing. When BBA took over Guthrie Corporation recently, one of White's first jobs was to visit White's first jobs was to visit the troops and the assets in various parts of the world. While in the US he called on Page Ajet Corporation, which serves the aviation industry, and was firmly reading the financial riot act to one manager about improving returns and getting even more cash

flow out of the business. "Well, the Italian-speaker told White, 'I am trying, but if you insist I suppose we could always sell the mine.' White, believing he was being sent up, asked 'What mine?' to be told it was a disused coal mine in Pennsylvania in which the US government's strategic stocks of cheese and other dairy products were being stored. The types of cheese, their sizes and their quality was not disclosed, nor was the asking price. But the cheese mine is up for sale.

Act la carte

Anyone tortured by the complexities of the Financial Services Act may be heartened by taking part in a draft little competition organized by Imro. The game is to draft a

suitable menu for a dinner to mark full implementation of the Act with the venue, host and the principal guests to be chosen by the competitor. Mr John Morgan, Imro's chief executive whose wheeze it is, will award a minuscule bottle and a donation to the Great Ormond Street Fund on behalf of the winner — his customary set of prizes. Would-be competitors should, however, be warned that "any attempt to improperly influence" his decision will be punished by the competitor eating a dinner devised by Imro's executive. Imro is refusing any indemnity for pains or penalties incurred in offending against the laws of defamation, breaching Parliamentary privilege or eating the dinner. Entries to Imro, please, by September 16 1988.



ASA reach the parts

A television advertisement for Carlsberg lager which is currently being screened depicts a dusty, ill-frequented room in which there is faintly-ringing telephone. When the telephone is finally answered it turns out to be a wrong number, giving the viewer the impression that the brewer does not have a customer complaints department.

Carlsberg has not stretched the truth very far but it has tempted fate. As it receives its first complaint for every 3.3 million pints sold and sells about 650 million pints a year, it reckoned the copy produced by its agency, KHB, part of Saatchi, was fair enough. But you've guessed it — a complaint about Carlsberg's Carling Black Label has just been upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority. A one-off advertisement which showed the Mars London Marathon winner wearing a vest carrying the Carlsberg logo bearing the legend: "Congratulations to Henryk Jorgensen for winning the London Marathon" caused the problem. The Doncaster Agency on Alcohol Misuse thought it suggested alcohol consumption could improve physical performance. And to crown it, Carlsberg is currently rewriting another advertisement which shows lorryes carrying beer across the Danish frontier to Germany after Camra pointed out that the British brew is not exactly the same as its European namesake.

Rosemary Unsworth

OFT told of secret talks to fix prices

By Lawrence Lever

Details of secret price-fixing meetings between six glass companies including a subsidiary of Pilkington have been supplied to the Office of Fair Trading which is investigating a nationwide web of price cartels in the glass industry.

The purpose of the secret meetings was to fix the prices that the six companies would charge for double glazing units which they supplied to the trade.

Representatives of Pilkington Glass Ltd — a subsidiary which specialises in flat and safety glass — attended the meetings over a four-year period between 1978 and 1982.

According to a document submitted by Pilkington to the OFT "increases to the prices

to be charged for double glazing units were agreed" at these meetings.

The document states that "the purpose of the meetings was to agree the same percentage increase to each company's gross price tariffs and to certain other items normally charged as extras in orders for double glazing units, such as for the drilling of holes in double glazing units."

These agreements were in breach of the restrictive trade practices laws because they were not notified to the OFT. Pilkington supplied details of the agreements to the OFT in July this year.

Pilkington commented yesterday that its involvement in the areas being investigated by the OFT was very small.

Armstrong pays £4m for Spanish company

By Wolfgang Münch

Armstrong Equipment, the Coventry motor suspension and industrial fastenings group, has bought Estampaciones Noroeste (ENSA), a Spanish car components company, for £4 million cash.

Mr Mike Shaw, the group managing director, said the deal represented "the first stage of a planned development programme of increasing overseas involvement." He said the company had plans to acquire more core-related businesses.

ENSA produces a variety of metal tube and pressed products for the Spanish car industry, and has net assets of £3.1 million. Last year, it made pre-tax profits of £600,000 on a turnover of £3.2 million. ENSA will represent Armstrong's third Spanish company in this sector.

Last year Armstrong completed a restructuring involving the sale of 14 of its 29 businesses at a loss of about £6 million, in an attempt to concentrate on the core businesses in the suspension and fastenings markets. Armstrong profits grew only moderately in the second half of last year from £3.6 million to £4.1 million.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

The IBA: out with a whinny?

I once asked Philip Larkin, as we waited for his ordered cab, to describe the noise of a London taxi. After pausing for a moment, he replied "How about 'The hansom's thin, mechanic whinny'?"

With such a whinny comes the rumour that the IBA is for the knackers' yard. Its headquarters in Knightsbridge, from where for more than 30 years it awarded contracts supervised programming, advertising and transmissions and reigned legally supreme over most of British commercial broadcasting, will soon, we are told, become its forgotten headquarters.

By custom and practice, British governments and British broadcasters have kept an uneasy distance from each other. Government has delegated authority to institutions created by Parliament. Cabinets have restrained themselves from tampering with the working routine. On rare occasions, when a government has nearly become involved in direct control, ministers have almost always withdrawn, even if — as with the "community radio" experiment — this retreat was at the last moment. Ministers, when they fume, have mostly fumed in private.

In public, once a statute or charter has been set, ministers (with that well honed instinct for their own survival) have been chary of intervening directly, although hardly a full has existed from official inquiries, or committees, or fulminations. When Willie Whitelaw, for example, was Home Secretary he was regarded by most broadcasters as a prince among politicians; he pointed the way with a wink, or a benign animal grunt.

So how has the mosquito got under the net this time, and bitten the IBA? After all, it seems only yesterday that the BBC was the target; certainly, before the Peacock Report, those sections of government with an itch for

OPINION

John Thompson

radical change were rubbing their hands. But, though some of the longer-term Peacock recommendations were for reform, the BBC was left relatively unscathed in the short term. The licence fee was pegged to the cost of living. Fresh management appeared to set about its housekeeping with rigour, notching up high marks in Whitehall.

The current government, however, does not like its barons to appear overnight. In the Irish Republic a displaced government once sacked the entire membership of the broadcasting authority. In Britain now, if skillfully manipulated leaks from Westminster are to be believed, the aim seems to be the abolition of an institution.

Ideologically, Labour is thought to be opposed to the commercial system; in practice, when in power it has fought many quarrels with the BBC. In contrast, Conservative philosophy favours the commercial side; in real life, Tories feel more at home with the licence-fed BBC. Hence, perhaps, the present dire situation.

Some ministers blame the IBA for failing to curb sex, violence, and controversy on the airwaves, and also — paradoxically — for failing to reduce regulation. Meanwhile the free marketers, impressed by the prospects for television's technologies, dislike the IBA's insistence that a rational attempt should be made to direct the pace of change, ensuring that extra channels give the viewers a genuinely wider choice.

The IBA has a seasoned understanding of creative television that is now much admired by other countries. Like the London taxi driver, it also has the talent to adapt. It would be a pity to see it given its leave with just a thin mechanic whinny.

John Thompson, editor of *The Viewer*, was IBA Director of Radio, 1973 to 1987.

New women's title off to a £2m start

Carys Bowen-Jones reports on a newcomer in a field with attractive rewards — and high stakes

Another reminder of the new confidence sweeping through the women's magazine industry comes next week with the start of an advertising campaign worth almost £2 million for the latest newcomer, *Marie Claire*.

Despite the demise of a clutch of titles — *Look Now* and *A La Carte* being the latest to go — the rewards in this market are attractive, with sales of women's magazines up 9 per cent last year. But the stakes, in terms of advertising and promotion, are also high.

The face of magazine advertising has changed beyond recognition. The amount of money spent by publishers has grown significantly, says David Pattison, joint media director of the ad agency WCRS Mathews Marcantonio. "A women's magazine account can now be a very valuable piece of business for an agency."

Consumer magazines — dominated by the women's titles — spent more than £14 million on advertising in the first half of this year, just short of their expenditure for the whole of 1986, according to figures compiled by MEAL, the media expenditure analysts. A sign of the times is the £5 million which has been pumped into

the mass market *Bella* so far this year by the German publisher Bauer.

The *Marie Claire* campaign will slot in between last month's launch of the Murdoch monthly magazine *New Woman*, supported with an initial budget of £1 million, and the September arrival of *Riva*, the up-market weekly which publisher Carlton Magazines is backing with £3.5 million over the first six months.

Marie Claire's UK publisher, IPC, is sticking to the formula traditionally favoured by women's magazines and concentrating its campaign close to the launch in an effort to achieve maximum impact. Posters will start popping up from Monday and television advertising from Tuesday, ahead of Thursday's launch.

Persuading as many women as possible to try the first issue is a crucial objective of the campaign strategy. Publisher Heather Love expects the initial print run of 430,000 to "settle down" to a UK circulation of 250,000 by the fourth or fifth issue. If the 430,000 copies do not sell out, the launch will not be considered a success.

If the pattern of IPC's spending is



Unusual backing: *Marie Claire* takes a surreal approach in its TV campaign

conventional, the style of its advertising is more unusual. IPC's ad agency, Howell Henry Chiddister Lury, has gone for a slightly surreal approach — a series of photographic images projected on to the torso of a slender woman on the strains of a specially composed soundtrack reminiscent of

Malcolm McLaren's bizarre adaptation of *Madame Butterfly*. The commercial aims to position *Marie Claire* as a fashion and beauty-led title — closest competitors are likely to be *Vogue* and *Elle* — which also puts a heavy emphasis on investigative and photojournalism.

A singularly arresting series

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A daily broadcast on London TV and radio has resulted in 90 arrests. Now the programme is to go nationwide

leads the Met unit, the success of the project has greatly exceeded expectations.

It is now to be broadcast nationwide. Last month Anglia Television, in conjunction with six East Anglia police constabularies, started its own version. Tyne Tees will follow in September, and Scottish and Welsh television are also preparing plans.

Crimestoppers started in America 10 years ago. It involves co-operation between the police, the media, and local businessmen, who provide reward money.

By offering money for information, *Crimestoppers* provides an inducement lack-

ing from other programmes based on crime reconstruction, such as the BBC's *Crime-watch*. But according to Turnbull, money is not the main incentive. "Unlike America, the reward is of very little interest to those people who phone in," he says. "Most were actually offended if a reward was mentioned."

Quite how much money has been handed over by the Community Action Trust, which runs the business side of the project, is secret. Project staff are wary about revealing any details which might breach the confidentiality, anonymous nature of *Crimestoppers* tip-offs. It is the anonymity of the

process which the police believe has triggered its success. "We are not like *Crime-watch* in that we don't want witnesses to come forward," Turnbull says. "We want people who know who's done it but wouldn't stand up in court and say so. Then it's up to us to back up the information."

Two trends have emerged. One is that a pool of informants has grown up, providing a clearing house of regular information — a telephone extension of the traditional police informant system. The second trend is that the actual crime shown on screen acts as a trigger to elicit

information about similar cases. Of the 90 crimes solved directly through *Crimestoppers*, only two were television reconstructions.

"We're not actually looking to solve the target crime," Turnbull says. "Usually we put on lame ducks, where police investigations have got nowhere. It doesn't seem to matter what crime is actually shown."

In America, *Crimestoppers* has resulted in a computer bank of information which is used by local police forces across the country. In Britain, Turnbull expects similar cross-fertilization to develop. "We are amazed both by the number of people who call, and by the calibre of the information."

Kate Finch

Team talk

The BBC hangs on to its football stars

Soccer's television row, with ITV buying exclusive rights to televise live matches and to screen them to their best advantage in the ratings, has been a worrying time for those other stars of the game — the football commentators.

The prospect of a thin fixtures list on their own channel might have prompted some BBC sports reporters and commentators to check their contracts and wonder whether they are eligible candidates for a pre-season transfer market.

But only briefly. The handsome-paid men with the microphones are often tied down to two, or even three-year contracts — and they do not fall neatly between seasons.

The new agreement moves 18 live League matches, two Littlewoods Cup semi-finals, and the one final, plus midweek recorded highlights, to ITV. Aspiring ITV football commentators should not imagine that this creates new openings.

Peter Cockpoth, a spokesman for ITV Sport, said: "Thanks to the regional system of ITV, we have a large pool of commentators who report on everything from the World Cup to local derbies. We hold all of them, from Brian Moore downwards, in high esteem, and the need for more does not arise."

Over at the BBC, the absence of live League matches in the forthcoming season does not mean that football commentators will be out of a job. Gary Double, a spokesman for BBC TV sport, said: "John Motson is due to commentate on the FA Charity Shield match on August 20, and after that there are FA Cup matches and England games."

"And football commentators do not specialize only in soccer. Barry Davies was at Wimbledon and will be at the Seoul Olympics. Bob Wilson has presented *Football Focus*, *Grandstand*, *Sportsnight* and *Breakfast TV*."

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Andrew Lycett
discusses the problems
newsagents face
maintaining their
deliveries
to the doorstep

A flasher exposing himself to a young newsgirl was the final straw for Ed Smullen. He had been thinking of stopping home deliveries of newspapers since taking over a small newsagent's shop in North London two years ago. But the incident hastened his decision last month.

Smullen, a member of the National Federation of Retail Newsagents (NFRN), used to employ eight children delivering papers to 300 customers within half a mile of his shop in Kilburn. Each child put in half an hour before going to school and was paid £8.9 per week.

Although this amounted to two thirds of the newspaper sales of the business, and although he thinks home deliveries are vital for house-bound pensioners, he says he was unable to carry on. He quotes many of the usual reasons - inability to find children willing to work for these rates of pay, growing size of newspapers (particularly on Sundays), difficulty in stuffing news-

papers into letter boxes.

He is unhappy about the time taken sorting and billing, and the ill will created by customers storming into his shop saying they have not received the right paper. He adds that home deliveries also "keep customers out of your shop".

"My biggest problem was people not paying," Smullen says. "Newsagents are difficult to sell on credit. It does not make much difference cutting off the source of supply. The customer simply goes to another newsagent. So you let the bill mount up. Then the customer moves. You lose a fair amount of money this way." He contrasts the extended credit he had to give with the attitude of the newspaper wholesalers. "They would cut us off within a week if we didn't pay."

Publishers and wholesalers are well aware of complaints by the small newsagents. They are keen to meet them, for home deliveries still account for a high proportion of

newspaper sales (60 per cent for *The Times* and 40 per cent for *The Sun*). Together with the NFRN, they have devised a variety of schemes to encourage sales through the letterbox. These range from simple leaflets with a form to be filled out by customers asking for home deliveries, through incentive schemes and competitions for newsboys and girls, to insurance policies for deliverers.

Personal security is increasingly a concern. Luminous bags and alarm whistles have been introduced to

reduce the numbers of car accidents and physical attacks on children making deliveries. Following the murder of Carl Bridgewater in Worcestershire in 1975, the NFRN established a memorial fund which makes awards to brave or community-minded individuals.

Research has been conducted - usually with financial assistance from publishers - into trolleys, polythene bags (which would allow newspapers to be thrown from trucks into driveways or porches) and even American-style newspaper receptacles on gates. Next month the NFRN, with 32,000 members, introduces a national campaign - with its own logo, Mr News - promoting newspaper readership, particularly in the home.

The federation's national vice-president, Ken Smith, a Chester newsagent, thinks problems with home deliveries are exaggerated. He says difficulties in finding staff are confined to the affluent South, where up to £20 a week is paid. The

going rate in Chester is only £6.

His only complaint is that the volume of sales data required by publishers has forced up the costs of wholesalers, resulting in increased carriage charges to newsagents. Nevertheless his attitude to home deliveries is clear: "A delivered copy is a guaranteed sale every day. It's the lifeblood of our business."

As managing director of Martins the Newsagent, employing 12,000 newsboys and girls, Brian Baylis admits to logistical problems caused by size of newspapers. The solution, he says, is either to withdraw or "go the other way and see it as an opportunity to get into the community". Already Martins is using pensioners. Baylis (like Smullen) foresees full-time deliverers, driving vans. He relishes the thought of increasing the number of leaflets and other products his workforce bring to people's houses. "We go to 400,000 homes," he says. "We only have to go to one on either side, and that's 1.2 million."



All in a day's work: the vast range and size of newspapers are posing problems for newsagents but some are investigating whether the home delivery service might be expanded

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Evidence of its growth comes not only from the number of big London advertising agencies that have recently sprouted a direct marketing arm, but also from

the decision of Centaur Communications, publisher of *Marketing Week*, to launch a new weekly magazine devoted to the subject.

Called *Precision Marketing*, it is due to appear in October. Potential readers are being asked - by direct mail, of course - to sign up as founder subscribers for £10 a year. Clearly the publishers believe they can attract enough advertising revenue to make the venture viable, even though they are launching it in the teeth of competition from two established monthlies, *Di-*

Going direct

Business booms for the salesmen who home in by telephone and junk mail

According to Paul Rowney, who founded *Direct Response* eight years ago, about £1.25 million was spent last year on advertising direct marketing services, £750,000 of it in his

magazine, which has a circulation of 10,000. He thinks the newcomer will help to expand the market. Centaur bases its hopes partly on statistics that show 1987 spending on direct marketing in the UK was

£1.13 billion, or 18 per cent of the country's total advertising expenditure, and partly on the notion that the British are likely to follow in American footsteps.

In the US, direct marketing is estimated to have accounted for 65 per cent of last year's total advertising expenditure of £154.7 billion. These estimates take into account not only direct mail but also direct response advertising - all ads that include a coupon or telephone number.

The key to direct marketing is the compilation of lists of

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In many European countries the volume of direct mail is much larger than in Britain. Last year in this country 29 pieces of junk mail were sent out per head of the population. In France the figure was 44, in West Germany 55 and in Switzerland 95.

Philip Kleinman

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BYLINES

Talking business?

The first in the queue of new regional newspapers due out this year, *Scotland on Sunday*, may have got a good response from readers when it was launched last weekend, but it received a cooler reaction from Glasgow's business establishment.

The paper expects to have sold around 250,000 of its 350,000 print run, which puts it on course for the 90,000-plus circulation it needs to be profitable. But Phil Stanhope, media director at Glasgow-based advertising agency Rex Stewart, pointed to an "East Coast" bias born of the new paper's association with the Edinburgh-based *Scotsman*. His contention is supported by the *Scotland on Sunday* appointments page, where only one of 29 advertisements was for a job based in Glasgow. But circulation manager Donald Grant said distribution of the paper reflected the Scottish population, and that it expected to sell more copies in Glasgow than Edinburgh.

Meanwhile TRN is pressing ahead with plans for new Sunday papers in Belfast, due before the end of the year, and Cardiff in 1989.

Royal baby blues

Spare a thought for the photographers on the pavement outside the Portland Hospital. After three weeks waiting for the Royal baby, they got their moment - and blew it. The Duke and Duchess arrived on Monday morning and went straight in the back door, where only three photographers were waiting to snatch blurred pictures of their speeding car.

Space brokers

Glenn Burton, managing director of Media Buying Services, says the trend to combine advertising agency media departments into "bulk buying operations" will inevitably lead to the brokering of advertising time and space, a practice hitherto frowned on by British advertisers and media owners. In a paper for the Association of Media Independents, he says new satellite TV stations may be forced to hand over large blocks of airtime to brokers in return for a guaranteed income, and urges media independents to band together to form their own brokering operations.

Bold step

BBC2 controller Alan Yentob scored a first last weekend when he scrapped his scheduled Saturday evening programmes to carry two-and-a-half hours' live coverage of the Kirov Ballet and Natalia Makarova. It was, according to the BBC, unprecedented for an arts event to pre-empt

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Briefing...

The *Mail on Sunday* boasted a world exclusive interview last weekend with Red Square pilot Mathias Rust, scooping even the German magazine *Stern*, which paid the Rust family £300,000 for the story and sold first UK rights on to the *Mail* for a mere £27,000. Radio 1 is planning to carry a regular drama slot, following the success last week of two seven-minute playlets offering interpretations of current hit records. Only 30 per cent of the audience, whose opinions were canvassed, thought them pretentious rubbish.

Nick Higham

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FOOTBALL: NEW SIGNINGS GIVE MABBUTT HOPE OF LEADING TOTENHAM TO A BETTER FUTURE

Like father but better like son

By Clive White

Gary Mabbutt's father must be a very proud and envious man. In 14 years with Bristol Rovers he never once played at Wembley Stadium. This weekend Gary, who has trodden the hallowed turf in the colours of England and Tottenham Hotspur, will captain his club there twice in 48 hours.

It is doubtful, too, whether Mabbutt senior ever stepped upon the same field as AC Milan and Bayern Munich as his son will do this weekend when he leads the Tottenham team into the sort of quadrangular club tournament (also involving Arsenal) which is commonplace on the Continent, but has taken its time, like most things, in coming to England. Mabbutt conceded yesterday that teams usually prefer to blow away the cobwebs of summer in private rather than under the magnifying glass of a Wembley appearance.

"It's come a little bit early for us," Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, agreed as the club settled into their new training ground at Mill Hill.

While ticket sales have yet to pick up for the Wembley International, Tottenham themselves have been doing a brisk business in the sale of their own season tickets following the £4 million outlay on Paul Gascoigne and Paul Stewart. Season ticket sales are running at 10 per cent higher than last season which followed the hugely successful 1986-87 season. The figure of 11,000 is the best for five years.

Few people at the club are more acutely aware of the high

expectations for the season than Mabbutt, who remarked: "I know last season was disappointing for the spectators but it was far worse for the players. After we lost to Coventry in the Cup final, I really thought we would be pushing for all sorts of honours because we had a very strong side, a very strong squad. But it all disintegrated for one reason and another."

"Now a new squad is being assembled. It's too young to be the best squad I've known since I came here but I believe it is capable of achieving great things for this club. Whether it's going to happen immediately is another question." Mabbutt could envisage Gascoigne becoming the dominating force in Tottenham's midfield for the next 10 years. "He is the man through whom everything will be played, the one with the greatest skill. But he'll help. I think Vinny Samways is also going to become a great midfielder player."

While Venables seemed fairly sure that he wanted Mabbutt to continue as captain, he seemed less clear of where he would play him. In Tottenham's five practice matches to date, he has appeared in midfield with Gascoigne, central defence with Fairclough, right back, central defence with Fenwick and right back again. It is one of the drawbacks of being the most versatile performer in British football. Mabbutt accepts it without complaint, recognizing that it has its advantages — like playing at Wembley. "Ideally I'd like to be jack of all trades, master of all trades."



Do it this way: Venables tells Gascoigne what is expected (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Best at vintage best

George Best belied his 42 years on the occasion of his testimonial match at Windsor Park on Monday night before a 25,000 crowd (George Ace writes).

The wayward genius of the football world provided a moment that will be savoured by all those who loved an honest, casual downpour to pay least. Controlling the ball, Best, with uncanny accuracy, hit the

tenth and best goal of the 13 on the night with a glorious chip shot which left McKnight, the Northern Ireland goalkeeper, clutching rain drops.

That other legendary figure of Irish football, Pat Jennings, had to retrieve the ball from the back of the net twice in the first 10 minutes — something that had never happened to him at Windsor Park before.

BOWLS

Paddington stocks rise under Halmal

By Gordon Allan

Paddington, the City and the thinking man's favourite for the Woolwich EBA four championship, meet Hatfield in the semi-finals today after a 28-18 win at Worthing yesterday over a rink from Suttons, Reading, skipped by Julian Halmal.

The world championship four final medal winner four years ago. Steve Halmal, the Paddington skip, was otherwise engaged on the Stock Exchange yesterday morning, but came back to play a decisive part against Suttons with his cool leadership and equally cool ability to play precision shots when they were most needed. The Reading four trailed 9-17, caught up, then faded. Suttons have won the Berkshire four championship eight times in 10 years.

In the other semi-final, Preston Manor play Sunningdale (Oxford), who beat Imperial (Bristol) 22-16. This match was prolonged by a dispute on the eighteenth end over a ditched bowl. Reg Dean, the umpire, ordered the end to be replayed and official complaints are to be issued to both fours today.

Preston Manor, of Brighton, skipped by Wally Hayward and Dave Overt, the cousin of

the athlete, at No. 3 went through earlier with a 21-19 win over Gravesend. The last end began with the scores tied 19-19 and everything depended on the last bowl, delivered by Barry Diplock, the Gravesend skip. Preston held two shots and Diplock was unable to draw the winner.

The rink from Margaret Catchpole, Ipswich, who put out Aylesbury Town, the holders, on Monday lost 19-13 to Leicester, who led 10-0 at the start. Two of the Aylesbury team, Les Richardson and Mike, his brother, reappear for the triples championship which starts today. They are joined by another brother, Derek, in a preliminary round match against Darlington. Brett Morley, one of several England players competing, lost in the four to Paddington.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Chorley begin again

Chorley Borough, bearing a different name for a third successive season, begin their second division life again with a visit to Hunslet, who are among the leading promotion contenders (Keith Macklin writes).

Last season Borough were joint tenants of Springfield Park with Wigan Athletic, the football club, before reaching agreement for sponsorship for Chorley Council and a move to

Victory Park, the football ground.

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TENNIS

Too easy a task for Durie

From Barry Wood

Sara Gomer, Jo Durie and Monique Javer all progressed to the second round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles on Monday.

The easiest task fell to Durie, who defeated Kathleen Horvath 6-3, 6-3, for her opponent was simply dreadful. Once in the world top 10, Horvath failed to hit a single winner in the first five games. It was only as she raised her game just a little and Durie failed to respond immediately that she made any impression at all.

"I have not played someone that bad since my junior days," Durie said. The former British No. 1 will play Gomer, who is Britain's highest-ranked player at 4-4. Gomer reversed her 6-4, 6-4 defeat the previous week against Sabatini, the No. 3 seed, yesterday.

While Durie and Gomer contest the right to play Gabriela Sabatini, the No. 3 seed, yesterday, fifth, in the second round after defeating Masako Yanagi 7-6, 6-1.

The first set was extremely close after Javer lost her serve at 5-4 and then recovered from 2-5 and 5-6 in the tie-break. But her serve was no longer a liability, in stark contrast to the previous

round. Meanwhile, Elise Burgin, who was controversially replaced by Chris Evert in the United States Olympic squad, defeated any suggestion of a feud between them.

"Chris and I have been close friends for a long time and are going to remain so," Burgin said. "She was approached by the USTA and made the decision to play on the tour. I don't want this to become a personal thing."

YACHTING

British hopes take backward step

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

Britain's hopes of securing third place in the Kenwood Cup ocean racing series ended on Monday when Robin Astor's Yeoman XXVII dismantled while tying eighteenth during the final 775-mile Round the State race.

And with June also out of the race after her collision with the American yacht, General Hospital, in the previous inshore heat, Britain's hopes yesterday rested with Alan Gray and his crew aboard Indulgence which dropped from second to twelfth overnight.

Yeoman reportedly lost her rig in 18 to 25 knot reaching winds at lunchtime on Monday after rounding the island of Nihoa at the start of the 280-mile leg to the southern tip of Hawaii. No one was hurt in the incident and yesterday the crew were motoring back through the islands to Honolulu.

Bravura, the Farr-designed American One-Tonner, continued to lead overall but with her Australian sister ship, Sagacious, a close second at midnight yesterday, the team from Sydney remained strong favourites to win the Kenwood Cup.

The only doubts revolved around Good News, the Australian sister to Yeoman which dropped four places during the early hours of Monday morning and failed to report her position at midnight.

The Australians, whose third boat, The Esanda Way, lay fourth, maintained a lead of 55 points over the Bravura-led American team whose other yachts, Indulgence and Champos V, were eighth and fifteenth.

Provided Mike Peacock's Juno is awarded average points for this race, following the damage she sustained earlier in the series, the British can still expect to finish third overall, for as the fleet closed on the halfway stage of this final race yesterday, the team held a 50-point cushion over the fifth-placed Japanese team.

Smith is the choice

Laurie Smith, the highly experienced Olympian who heads Britain's hope for a medal in the Soling Keelboat class at the Seoul Games next month, was named yesterday as skipper of the British team.

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events before working with the Kookaburra squad as tune-up helmsmen during the last cup event in Australia.

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Former world champion's way is rewarded by selection by Britain for Seoul

An Olympic call-up for Broome

By Jenny MacArthur

David Broome, who admits to being in "a charmed world" at the moment, has been selected for his fifth Olympic Games, 28 years after winning his first Olympic bronze individual medal in Rome.

The former world champion, aged 48, who set out to "have a crack" at the Olympics the moment he heard of his reclassification as an amateur rider in October, has been selected with the nine-year-old, Queensway Countryman. He joins Nick Skelton (Apollo), Malcolm Pyrah (Towerlands Anglezark), Joe Turi (Country Classics Kruger and Vital) and Michael Whitaker (Next Amanda) in the squad of five, sponsored by P & O.

The team, as Ronnie Massarella the team manager emphasized yesterday, is going to Seoul for gold. After annihilating the rest of Europe at the last two European championships, Massarella has good reason to be optimistic. Britain's main rivals will be the United States, who relegated Britain to the silver medal at Los Angeles. On that occasion the British team was without its top riders, Pyrah,

British Olympic show jumping team

D Broome (Sir Philip and Lady Harris's Queensway Countryman); M Pyrah (Mrs Edna Humble's Towerlands Anglezark); N Skelton (Mrs Linda Jones's Apollo); J Turi (Mr Michael Bullman's Country Classics Kruger and Country Classics Vital); M Whitaker (Mr Samir Mahmoud's Next Amanda).

Skelton and Broome, who were then still professionals, Broome, barred from the last three Olympic Games after turning professional in 1972, could scarcely conceal his joy after yesterday's announcement. "I'm always nervous between the last far-long and the winning post — I set out at the beginning of the year to make the team the hard way because the last thing I wanted to do was make a fool of myself in front of millions of people."

The "hard way" has involved five testing Nations Cup performances with Queensway Countryman at each of which Broome has been "in the hot seat" — going fourth in the team. "I wanted to be in the first four chosen for Seoul — not the fifth rider," Broome said yesterday. The fifth place would have



Going for gold: From the left: Pyrah (Anglezark), Turi (Kruger), Broome (Queensway Countryman) and Skelton (Apollo) (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

fallen to Janet Hunter and Everest Lisnamarrow who, in the words of the chairman of the selectors, General Sir Cecil Blacker, "would have been an almost certain selection." But, in a bitterly disappointing turn of events for Miss Hunter, the brilliant Everest Lisnamarrow was not sound enough after his accident at Hickstead 10 days ago to be considered for the Olympics.

The vacant place in the team prompted a heated discussion among the five selectors (Blacker, Massarella, Pat

Koecklin-Smythe, Douglas Bunn and Graham Fletcher) between the two short-listed riders, Michael Whitaker and Robert Smith, two top-class riders but neither having a horse of obvious Olympic calibre. The eventual vote for Whitaker and Next Amanda was the right outcome as far as the team manager Massarella was concerned. He has never lost faith in the mare, despite Next Amanda's refusal at water ditch fences at Aachen and Dublin. At the Los Angeles Olympics Next

Amanda's faults of eight and nought were easily the best out of the four in the British team.

While Pyrah and Skelton took yesterday's announcement in their stride — as befits two seasoned "professionals" who, although competing in their first Olympics, have been the mainstay of the British team for most of the decade — Turi, the former Hungarian trick rider who defected to Britain in 1973 by jumping off the back of a lorry, was still trying to take it all in. "I never dreamt that one day I'd jump

in the British team yet alone the Olympics. I'm honoured."

Turi, aged 31, who competed in his first Nations Cup just two years ago — the year he acquired British citizenship — is the only one of the squad with two horses going to Seoul — due to the generosity of his horses' owner, Michael Bullman. General Blacker, who thanked all the owners for their "loyalty to the sport of show jumping" said Bullman had made a considerable financial sacrifice in putting two horses at the selectors' disposal. Blacker's comments brought to mind Tom and Doreen Bradley whose refusal to allow Next Milton to go to Seoul has deprived the team of its best horse.

Bullman should, however, be rewarded for his generosity. With two horses to choose from, Turi will be well placed for both the team and individual competitions. In an altered format this year any four of the five riders can be nominated by the team manager to jump in the qualifying rounds for the individual competition.

Trophy contest in which one dream must die

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

Semi-final days are the most emotional in any sport. Phil Neale and Mark Nicholas will provide the evidence today. Their counties are hunting at unprecedented deeds in county cricket but, for one, the dream will die with elimination from the NatWest Trophy at New Road.

No club has ever won three of the county competitions in one season but Worcestershire, second in both the championship and the Sunday league, can do so. Similarly, the two knockout cups have never been won by the same team in a single season. Hampshire, who had not so much as reached a final in the first 25 years of cup cricket, are now astonishingly poised for the feat.

Hampshire won the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's last month; on the way, they defeated Worcestershire in a gripping quarter-final on a roguish New Road pitch. Their hero that day was Robin Smith, since elevated to England status, but back in the ranks today for the rematch, a game which Nicholas, the captain, believes to be a formidable test.

"There is no doubt in my mind we have the toughest

task in the semi-finals," he said. "Even without Ian Botham there is a case for saying they are the strongest team in the country."

Hampshire are at least accustomed to travelling. They reached the Benson and Hedges final by winning at Worcester and Chelmsford. No one can say the draws have favoured them; equally, no one can accuse them of disloyalty. They could have

Semi-finals on TV
BBC2: 10.50 a.m.-12.50 p.m., 1.35-7.40 p.m., BBC1: 1.50-4.10 p.m., Highlights: 11.10 p.m.

called upon Malcolm Marshall for today's tie but they preferred to stay faithful to Stephen Jeffries, the South African whose swing bowling was decisive in the Benson and Hedges final.

Nicholas explained: "Steve is one of the finest competitors I have played with, and the rest of the team would have felt very strongly if we had replaced him with Malcolm." Hampshire are very hopeful that Jeffries will come through a test on a shoulder injury.

Two spinners, Nigel Cowley and Rajesh Maru, are in-

cluded in their full-strength 12, possibly on the evidence of Worcestershire's quarter-final win over Gloucestershire. Graeme Hick played a significant part with the ball that day but I fancy Hampshire will be far more concerned about his other talent.

Worcestershire have had the players to win a cup for years — probably 25 years. They lost the first ever limited-over final, to Sussex, and have been to Lord's for three further finals, all ending in defeat. They have also lost three semi-finals in the last three years, but Neale insists: "The less we talk about this the better."

Graham Dilley, who missed the Oval Test, is expected to play today in a match certain to attract a capacity crowd of 6,000. The other semi-final, matching Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval, will not be a sell-out but up to 10,000 spectators are expected.

The last time the metropolitan counties met in a semi-final, six years ago, it was decided by a ferocious spell of bowling from Sylvester Clarke, who should again find plenty of bounce in a pitch for which groundman Harry Brind has high hopes. Surrey then went on to overwhelm Warwickshire in the final. As Ian Greig, their captain, points out: "We have won nothing since then and it is time that changed."

David Smith is out and injuries to Clinton, Lynch, Ward, Stewart and Martin Bicknell have come at an inopportune time for Surrey. But if Middlesex are to stop them, a man named Mike Gatting is likely to have something to do with it. He is anxious to salvage something from a fraught year and this is his obvious opportunity.

Elliott has two wins on Tour's first day

By Peter Bryan

Malcolm Elliott has come to the Kellogg's Tour of Britain to win overall. That was the impression he gave, both by his performance in yesterday's prologue at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and in his comments while still breathless and waiting to know whether he would be the first to wear the yellow jersey of race leader.

His time for the twisting 1.7-mile circuit in the city centre gave the result board a new dimension. It was 3min 35.5sec, an improvement of 11.5sec on Rob Holden, who led the trial for 20 minutes.

The time trial specialists, among them Elliott's Fagor team-mates Sean Yates and Stephen Roche, and Sean Kelly had still to come. While he waited Elliott made it clear that he did not feel that, if he took the jersey, it would be a burden to him, unlike last year when he led from start to finish in the pro-am Milk Race.

"This tour is all professional and if I lose the jersey at the end of the day, I'm not worried. I believe that I am strong enough to regain it before the finish," he said.

That, to some degree, will depend on his team's tactics, dictated by Roche, who may be prepared to put 100 per cent

Today's stage
York-Manchester (105 miles): start 9.0 a.m., Westbury, 9.31, Harrogate, 9.53, Easington, 10.12, Leeds, 10.31, Wakefield, 10.50, Doncaster, 11.10, Sheffield, 11.30, Manchester, 11.50, first circuit, 12.50, final circuit, 13.05.
TV TIMES: 04.55-5.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.-12 a.m.

behind Elliott and forego his own chances of winning what is for him an important comeback race. Roche is in the tour because he wants to test his fitness to the full, in preparation for his defence of the world title in Belgium at the end of the month.

Elliott, despite finding the final 80 yards a struggle, beat his captain in the time trial by 14.1sec, Kelly by a resounding 18.5sec and Yates by 8.5sec. The trial was a remarkable success for the British entry, with 10 men in the top dozen, seven of whom are home-based professionals.

After an hour's rest the second half of the day's work began with 120 miles to cover between Newcastle and York, taking in the hardest climb, Rosedale Chimney, high on the North Yorkshire Moors, after a 20mph coastal promenade through Whitburn, Sunderland and Horden.

One could only hope for a second Elliott victory at the end, but it did not seem probable when 19 riders, with Elliott and three other Fagor riders among them, escaped soon after the descent of Rosedale and stayed away.

The group had to cover five laps of a one-mile finishing circuit alongside York Minster and — to his delight and that of the crowd — Elliott just won by inches from Thomas Weggemiller, with Joey McLoughlin, last year's winner, appearing just to scrape in third.

RESULTS: Prologue time trial (1.7 miles): 1. M Elliott (Fagor), 3min 35.5sec; 2. M Whitaker (Percy Elliott), 3.44; 3. S Yates (Fagor), 3.47; 4. R Holden (Percy Elliott), 3.47.5; 5. J Clay (PMS-Dawson), 3m 49.0; 6. J McLoughlin (P-Peugeot), 3.49.4.

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Underground lobby for end of Scotland match

By Rodney Cowton and John Goodbody

The future of the England versus Scotland football international at Wembley was under threat again last night as London Underground asked for the biennial fixture to be abandoned because of outbreaks of hooliganism.

In a letter to Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, London Underground said it "considers the disruption, damage and stress caused by football fans attending this match intolerable. This company is unhappy about a repeat performance, with the attendant human and financial costs."

It suggests that "the FA either schedule all future matches against Scotland as mid-week evening fixtures, or use a venue outside London. Alternatively you may consider discontinuing what has

become, for Londoners at least, a disreputable event."

In 1985, the Prime Minister ordered the game, which was scheduled for Wembley, to be played in Glasgow. It was being staged on a Bank holiday weekend and the Government felt the timing would increase the chances of violent behaviour.

The letter was written by Jeffrey Allen, a director and company secretary of London Underground. Copies have also been sent to Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary and Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport.

The FA confirmed having received the letter, and said it hoped to have a meeting with the Scottish FA this month when the game would be on the agenda, and the letter would be discussed.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, warned after the game in May that future internationals should be cancelled unless effective segregation of supporters can be carried out. The match was marred by the most severe outbreak of violence in Britain last season, with incidents occurring both inside and outside the stadium.

The hooliganism at the game, the oldest international in football, and at the European championship saw the Government announce last month that it would bring in legislation for a national membership scheme with identity cards for all football supporters. This is to be introduced by the start of the 1989-90 season. Moynihan also warned that if this action is not effective then the future of England internationals abroad was in jeopardy.

London Underground's letter referred to the game at Wembley on May 21, which attracted about 70,000. It says that the behaviour of supporters caused severe strain on the resources of British Transport Police and London Underground. A young man fell onto the tracks and was seriously injured. Throughout London, one man died, more than 90 were injured and more than 220 were arrested.

More than 100 extra British Transport police officers were drafted to Underground stations and trains, with five officers being injured and 65 people being arrested or reported for possible future prosecution. Widespread and deliberate disruption of train services caused delays totalling more than 150 minutes, and one journey had to be abandoned, forcing 1,000 passengers to walk down the track.

Ian McGregor, the assistant Chief Constable of the BTP, said yesterday that he was aware of the letter, adding that "in certain incidents the conduct was disgraceful and complaints were received by the BTP in relation to the supporters involved."

Hodge's return to Forest backfires

By Chris Moore

Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, last night pulled out of a deal to re-sign Steve Hodge from Tottenham Hotspur after agreeing a £575,000 fee with Terry Venables.

"I was able to match what Spurs wanted, but couldn't do the same with the player," said a disappointed Clough. "What he came up with was not unreasonable. But I'm afraid I just couldn't match it."

Prior to the hour-long meeting with the England player at the City Ground, Clough had said he was confident the deal would go through. "I did not envisage any problems," he said. "I am sure Steve still regards the City Ground as home."

Clearly, Clough was surprised, while Hodge refused to comment. Hodge joined Tottenham two years ago from Aston Villa for £550,000, believing the move to London would enhance his England

career, but backfired after he lost his place for England and Tottenham.

Chelsea last night signed Graham Roberts, the Rangers defender for £470,000, subject to a medical examination. Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea manager, said: "We are delighted to have signed a player of his calibre and character."

Arthur Cox, the manager of Derby County, signed Trevor Hebbard yesterday from Oxford United in exchange for Micky Lewis, another midfielder, plus £200,000 (Steve Acton writes).

Cox said: "I tried to sign Trevor three years ago. He is a very talented player, an extremely good athlete and very experienced and I hope some of that will rub off on some of the youngsters in the side."

Steve Archibald yesterday signed a two-year contract with Hibernian.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Judo the top seller

Seoul (AP) — Judo, diving and swimming are the most popular among South Korea's Olympic ticket buyers, but plenty of tickets are left for tennis and baseball, officials said yesterday.

Of the 23,317 tickets on sale in South Korea for Olympic judo events, 21,494 (92 per cent) have been sold, the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee said. Some of South Korea's best medal chances are in judo, and some tight contests are expected with the arch rival, Japan.



Gadd: slimmer down

Gadd returns

John Gadd, the former England flanker, has rejoined Gloucester after spending last season at Stroud. Gadd, aged 28, looked to be on the way out of first-class rugby when he opted last season to spend all his spare time building his own house and his weight ballooned to 17st. He says he is back to his ideal weight of 15st and is determined to recapture the blind-side position in which he played more than 200 matches for Gloucester.

Drink up

Pepsi Cola is the first sponsor for the 1990 Goodwill Games in Seattle. The games are an Olympics-style competition with only the top eight individuals and teams in each event invited to compete. The 1990 Games will feature 2,500 of the world's top sports men and women.

Too costly

Cardiff have been forced to cancel a third pre-season game because their opponents, Port Talbot, the Afcus Welsh League side, pulled out after police told them they would have to foot the bill. Bridgend Town and Ebbw Vale, called off games for the same reason.

Drug results

Los Angeles (AFP) — Tests reveal that Miguel Lora, of Colombia, used two banned stimulants when he successfully defended his world bantamweight title against Albert Davila, of the United States, last week. Dr Robert Karns, of the California State Athletic Commission, said.

Race debut

Pauline Stewart, aged 37, from Oswestry, who will race in the British Open championship at Silverstone on Sunday, has become Britain's second female professional truck racing driver. Davina Galica was the first.

END COLUMN

A source of cash that may run dry

By John Goodbody

Tobacco sponsorship is already shunned by many sports organizations but a small, though increasing, number of governing bodies is now refusing to have links with alcohol.

Volleyball has followed gymnastics and swimming, sports which have a particularly youthful image, in not seeking sponsorship from drink companies. It seems the most minor of setbacks for the industry, for this year alcohol is supplying an estimated £16 million worth of sponsorship to British sport, about 10 per cent of the total market. With over 100 brewers and brands involved in sport, the industry is the largest single sponsor in the United Kingdom.

Of the 30 sports that drink companies sponsor, yachting receives at least £4 million, football over £2 million, golf £13 million, Rugby Union nearly £1 million and horseracing £843,000. Leading events include the Sunray World Match-Play golf championship, the Beefeater Gin Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race and the Stella Artois tennis tournament.

More drink deals will be sought

Derek Etherington, a sponsorship adviser, will also report next month in a RSL Sportsman publication that 13 drink companies sponsor events which receive 5.4 per cent of all the televised sport in Britain. He does not see any diminution in interest from sports bodies and organizers in obtaining alcohol sponsorship.

Yet the attitude of the English Volleyball Association could represent a trend in British sport. In 20 years it could end with the alcohol industry being obliged, as tobacco companies are now, to agree to a voluntary agreement to restrict the amount of sponsorship.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, does not think so. "If volleyball wishes to differentiate, that is up to them; I hope the governing body can generate revenue from another source to help develop the sport." He added that drink companies have a "first-rate relationship" with many governing bodies in sport.

Asked whether he did not accept that alcohol was ultimately incompatible with a healthy activity, he replied: "I sometimes think that the British Medical Association has a 'screw-of-the-week committee' cigarettes, alcohol, butter. People are fairly mature and sensible. Just because racing cars are carrying advertisements for Marlboro and Camel does not mean that less more people are going to take up smoking. The consumption of tobacco is after all going down."

Alcohol support is 'inappropriate'

The Health Education Council finds any sponsorship by tobacco companies as "quite indefensible", adding more equivocally that the sponsorship by alcohol companies is "inappropriate". A spokeswoman said: "The use of sport to raise the profile of alcohol helps drink to be seen more favourably and to be more socially acceptable."

Both the HEC and Alcohol Concern are seeking to promote moderate drinking. Alcohol Concern is about to launch a national "Sports Drink-wise" campaign. "We want to get away from the link of macho drinking styles and hooliganism," a spokeswoman explained. "We would like to see the industry encourage moderation by promoting alcohol-free drinks."

The Sports Council has a policy of never accepting tobacco sponsorship. Yet alcohol is different. A spokeswoman said yesterday: "Each case is judged on its merits. It is a matter of horses for courses. We are currently running a campaign to get recent school-leavers back into sport. Alcohol sponsorship would not be accepted for that."

Etherington, who also acts as an adviser on sponsorship for the council, said that it up to the governing bodies to decide their individual attitude. He cites the example of clubs and organizations, sponsored by alcohol companies, removing the names of the brands or brewers from junior kits, which are available for sale. "That seems to be responsible. Otherwise you would have kids as a walking advertisement for alcohol."